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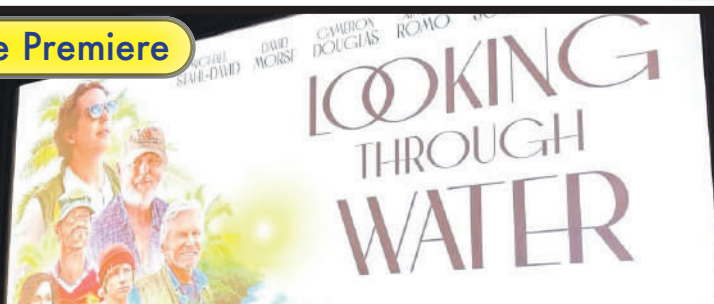
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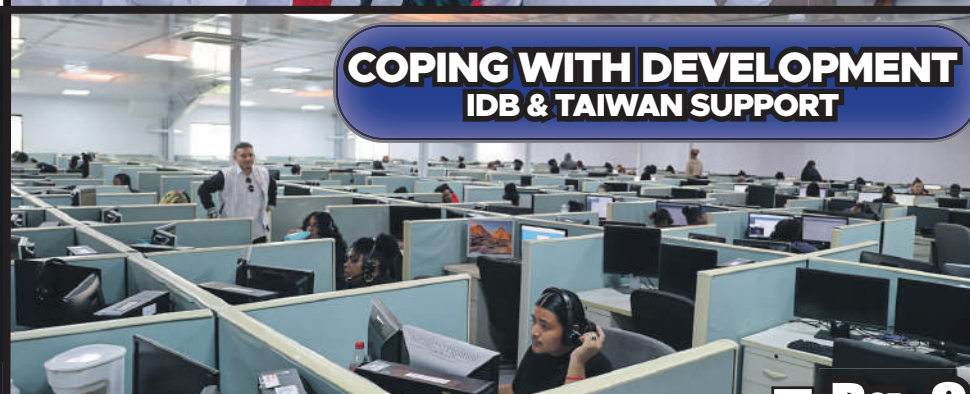


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This is reflective of the New Belizean Revolution. One that was conceived under the People’s United Party (PUP). It is evolution and as Adam Stewart CEO, Sandals Resorts International, was quoted as saying “**Evolution is a reality. The world waits for no one**”. Belize has always been the bridge, the gateway, however, it needed a bold vision and pragmatic leadership for its realisation. Prime Minister, John Briceño has become the visionary force in the new revolution.



This was encapsulated by Hon Francis Fonseca in his presentation on the final day of the summit, with the following quote: *“The New Belizean Revolution calls for an awareness of the beauty and wealth of Belize, a consciousness of all Belizeans, and an appreciation of a common heritage and a common destiny for all Belizean people. Our revolution promotes economic development and social progress by means of the Mixed Economy. In such an economic strategy, the public sector works with the private sector for increased production, balanced development and social well-being.”* Rt. Hon. George Cadle Price, State of the Nation, 1980.

Fonseca drew on this quote in establishing the nexus to the theme of the Belize Investment Summit 2025 “Bridging Markets, Building Resilience” under the sub-theme: “Belize: The Nexus of CARICOM, Central America and Southeastern Mexico in a New Global Trade Era”. What the Father of the Nation described as “...*the geographic navel of the Americas, where north and south and east and west meet.*”

Fonseca pointed out that the positioning is complemented by Belize’s embodiment of a rare blend of cultures, languages and traditions. He explained that “Belize stands out as a natural connector-a place where regional identities converge and global opportunities emerge”. Similarly, the CEO of the Office of the

Prime Minister, Narda Garcia expressed that proximity notwithstanding, “*It means linking our abundant natural and human capital with global demand; connecting investors with concrete, bankable opportunities; and closing the gap between ambition and implementation.*”

Consequently, Fonseca made emphasis that “*We must collectively use those advantages to seize opportunity. To attract investment. To expand trade. To build resilience.*”

Still, there is an existential gap that indicates that the Jewel has not realized its full potential, whether in regional trade, Belize’s export commodities, or goods and services. The diversification of Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) to specialized areas can expand the services and generate more revenue for the industry.

The same can be said for tourism, specifically, luxury tourism. Both guest speakers alluded to the gaps within trade and luxury tourism. Dr. Ernesto Stein highlighted the minuscule trade with neighbouring Mexico as opposed to the U.S., and trade with countries that have experienced a higher tariff imposition by the Trump administration. Adam Stewart, CEO, Sandals Resort International noted that Belize with its tapestry of natural beauty have great investment potential, especially in luxury tourism. However, Stewart advised that “*It is critically important that the communities are in harmony with the investment. That they are powered by the people from the communities. The private sector reaches into social services. From education to fire station to police stations and make sure that the community respects investment and the investment adores and loves the community. It will never work unless there is respect.*”

Nonetheless, potential alone will not suffice. Both Hon. Fonseca and CEO Garcia in echoing sentiments suggested that the environment must be conducive to investment and wealth creation. The government has made measured steps towards several reforms to create an enabling environment so that business can be done without any difficulty. The reforms included, the moderniza-

tion of the regulatory framework, advanced digital platforms to simplify approvals and improved transparency and predictability of the processes and the creation of a Single Investment Window. This was a key highlight of the summit, with public and private sectors addressing investors’ FAQs (frequently asked questions) and outlining the government’s agenda for improving the ease of doing business.

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1st-ever Sugar Refinery MoU

The MOU which was signed between Sucro, an integrated U.S. and Canadian sugar refinery and distributor, the Santander Sugar Limited (SSL), the formation of a joint venture of Caribbean Sugar Refinery Limited (CSR) and the Government of Belize is intended to boost regional sugarcane production. It is a \$20 million investment being undertaken by CSR for over the next ten years, including the supporting logistical infrastructure that is required to service the CARICOM market. Importantly, this project will create employment and processing opportunities, in Belize, as well as the Caribbean region. A sugar refinery will definitely enhance regional food security and price stability across the region while promoting

sustainability and intra-regional trade. The Government is fully committed to the venture.

Port of Belize Cruise & Cargo Project

The other major investment that is in the pipeline, is the plan to modernize the Port of Belize. This represents the creation of jobs. Ambassador Daniel Gutierrez, Project Execution Unit, Port of Belize Expansion & Modernization, stated that as the economy becomes more muscular there will be many more jobs created. Additionally, it will improve connectivity in the region. Belize sits at the tail end of the logistics pipeline. However, there are deficiencies within the existing port, resulting in inefficiencies. Gutierrez suggested that when the pipeline is inefficient the people will pay a higher cost. There is also the need for bigger ships, which will reduce costs by 31%. Notably, the project will also leverage the cruise component to accomplish the project’s goals and make the project bankable.

Apart from the ventures above-mentioned, there were pitches to several other investment interests like the Strategic Plan for the Sustainable Development of Ambergris Caye which features an international airport on San Pedro. PM Briceño proudly summed up what the BIS 2025 represents saying “*The resounding success of this summit, far exceeded our expectations*”. Adding, “*We did not just talk about potential; we show-*

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EDITORIAL

Rising Forever

As Belize joyfully approaches her 44th birthday, a milestone that we all hold dear, her month-long celebration, amidst a full working schedule, still allows time for citizens to reflect on the lessons learned. As a nation, the building of our country and the development of a state in today's world is a perpetual test defined mainly through time. All Belizeans, including the thousands in the diaspora, love Belize with the passion it deserves. Those who saw British Honduras pre-World War(s) view Belize with a markedly different lens than, for example, a 2025 pre-teen who expects 24/7 high-speed internet access for their MMOs or MOBA. Inevitably, the time-determined lens incites variation in our Belizean Patriotism. We will always love our home, but how we love it is determined by our upbringing at home, at school, in our community, among our friends, in our media, and on our social media. The inexorable feature amongst all our 'versions' of Belizean history is a flourishing sense of Patriotism—it is rising forever.

Before 1981, Belizeans had to oppose the British and anything that seemed to be developmental for the United Kingdom and oppressive of the Belizean people. Our tug-of-war struggle yielded Belizean universal adult suffrage in the 1950s, which, on paper, gave everyone over the age of 21 the right to vote in general elections. In 1978, a PUP government extended that right to all persons over the age of 18 and voting cards were then distributed. In January 1964, Belize was granted "full internal self-government," but it still had a UK-appointed Governor. Belize, in fact, was not officially renamed until June 1, 1973. The Jewel was still under colonial rule, but the proverbial 'Tug' without a war was leaning towards an Independent Belize pushed by a team of Belizeans led by George Price. Each of these historic instances is at least a volume of a book that all Belizeans should thoroughly read. Our future, our children and pre-teens today need to be taught via museum visits, prepared videos, class lessons, and in all ways possible. Knowledge of where we came from should help us in the direction of our destination as we continue rising forever.

In a simple test, ask a pre-teen who George Price is or what Independence is. If they already have the correct answers, then they have been taught well by their parents, teachers, and community. If they do not know, the onus of rendering knowledge correctly is on those in charge of education. As we look to our teens and adolescents, Belize needs forward thinkers and hard workers, regardless of what level of education is being attained. Recent success at Robotics competitions and even regional sports points to a young population that is overachieving in the right places. Ministry of Education numbers are showing, for example, a 3.5 per cent dropout at the secondary level last school year, and it is trending further downward. That is a rise in school retention and a positive for a labour force that will be needed in a nation that is a rising and vibrant regional economic hub.

PlanBelize 2.0 has people working in record numbers. Let's note that plan Belize 2.0 is people-centric, so any success of the PUP manifesto 2025-2030 passes credit to the people. The Briceño administration, a beacon of hope, leads a people that is willing to follow and participate. The Briceño administration is an open government that leads while listening to those who follow and even to those who are dissatisfied. The Briceño administration is fully aware that the youth of Belize comprise a significant majority of the citizens. All decisions made by the Briceño administration are made with the young in mind, with women, with the poor, with the few that still need jobs in mind, with the graduates in mind and with a growing sense that people cannot be taken for granted. Belizeans today want a better quality of life. Yesterday is gone! We want an even better quality of life tomorrow. We love Belize. We will learn about George Price in due time and understand Belize even more. Belizeans' perseverance will continue to rise forever.

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Para Siempre Creciendo

Mientras Belice se acerca con alegría a su 44.º aniversario, un hito que todos apreciamos, su celebración de un mes de duración, en medio de una apretada agenda de trabajo, sigue dejando tiempo para que los ciudadanos reflexionen sobre las lecciones aprendidas. Como nación, la construcción de nuestro país y el desarrollo de un Estado en el mundo actual es una prueba perpetua que se define principalmente a través del tiempo. Todos los beliceños, incluidos los miles que viven en la diáspora, aman a Belice con la pasión que se merece. Quienes vieron la Honduras Británica antes de las guerras mundiales ven a Belice con una perspectiva muy diferente a la de, por ejemplo, un preadolescente de 2025 que espera tener acceso a Internet de alta velocidad las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, para sus MMO o MOBA. Inevitablemente, la perspectiva determinada por el tiempo provoca variaciones en nuestro patriotismo beliceño. Siempre amaremos nuestro hogar, pero la forma en que lo amamos está determinada por nuestra educación en casa, en la escuela, en nuestra comunidad, entre nuestros amigos, en nuestros medios de comunicación y en nuestras redes sociales. La característica inexorable de todas nuestras «versiones» de la historia beliceña es un floreciente sentido del patriotismo, que no deja de crecer.

Antes de 1981, los beliceños tenían que oponerse a los británicos y a todo lo que pareciera favorecer al Reino Unido y oprimir al pueblo beliceño. Nuestra lucha sin cuartel dio lugar al sufragio universal para los adultos beliceños en la década de 1950, lo que, sobre el papel, otorgaba a todas las personas mayores de 21 años el derecho a votar en las elecciones generales. En 1978, un gobierno del PUP amplió ese derecho a todas las personas mayores de 18 años y se distribuyeron tarjetas de votación. En enero de 1964, se concedió a Belice la «plena autonomía interna», pero seguía teniendo un gobernador nombrado por el Reino Unido. De hecho, Belice no cambió oficialmente de nombre hasta el 1 de junio de 1973. La Joya seguía bajo dominio colonial, pero el proverbial «estira y afloja» **sin guerra se inclinaba hacia una Belice independiente impulsada por un equipo de beliceños liderados** por George Price. Cada uno de estos acontecimientos históricos es, como mínimo, un volumen de un libro que todos los beliceños deberían leer detenidamente. Nuestro futuro, nuestros hijos y preadolescentes de hoy en día deben aprender a través de visitas a museos, videos preparados, lecciones en clase y de todas las formas posibles. El conocimiento de nuestros orígenes debería ayudarnos a orientarnos hacia nuestro destino mientras seguimos avanzando hacia el futuro.

En una prueba sencilla, pregúntele a un preadolescente quién es George Price o qué es la independencia. Si ya tiene las respuestas correctas, entonces sus padres, profesores y comunidad le han enseñado bien. Si no lo sabe, la responsabilidad de transmitir el conocimiento correctamente recae en los responsables de la educación. Al observar a nuestros adolescentes y jóvenes, Belice necesita a personas con visión de futuro y trabajadoras, independientemente del nivel de educación que alcancen. Los recientes éxitos en competencias de robótica e incluso en deportes regionales apuntan a una población joven que está superando las expectativas en los ámbitos adecuados. Las cifras del Ministerio de Educación muestran, por ejemplo, un descenso del 3,5 % en el abandono escolar en secundaria durante el último curso, y la tendencia sigue a la baja. Se trata de un aumento de la retención escolar y un factor positivo para la mano de obra que se necesitará en una nación que es un centro económico regional en auge y dinámico.

PlanBelize 2.0 tiene a un número récord de personas trabajando. Cabe señalar que PlanBelize 2.0 se centra en las personas, por lo que cualquier éxito del manifiesto del PUP para 2025-2030 se atribuye al pueblo. La administración Briceño, un faro de esperanza, lidera a un pueblo dispuesto a seguirla y participar. La administración Briceño es un gobierno abierto que lidera mientras escucha a quienes le siguen e incluso a quienes están insatisfechos. La administración Briceño es plenamente consciente de que los jóvenes de Belice constituyen una mayoría significativa de los ciudadanos. Todas las decisiones tomadas por la administración Briceño se toman pensando en los jóvenes, en las mujeres, en los pobres, en los pocos que aún necesitan trabajo, en los graduados y con la creciente sensación de que no se puede dar por sentado a las personas. Los beliceños de hoy quieren una mejor calidad de vida. ¡El ayer ya pasó! Queremos una calidad de vida aún mejor mañana. Amamos Belice. Aprenderemos sobre George Price a su debido tiempo y comprenderemos aún más a Belice. La perseverancia de los beliceños seguirá aumentando para siempre.

Belize Investment Summit 2025
*Bridging Markets: Belize’s Strategic Investment Readiness in a Changing
Global Economy*

Opening Remarks by CEO Narda Garcia
Office of the Prime Minister & Ministry of Investment

Your Excellency, the Prime Minister of Belize
Honourable Ministers of Government, and Members of Parliament, Distinguished Guest speakers
Dr Ernesto Staine and Mr Adam Stewart,
Representative of Madam Governor of the Mexican State of Quintana Roo,
Esteemed Investors from Belize and across the globe,
Partners from the Diplomatic Corps
Our Development Partners, IDB, WB, CDF, the EU, etc,
Leaders of Industry and our bold MSMEs present today
Our media friends that are covering and reporting on the BIS 2025.
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning and welcome to the jewel of the Caribbean—welcome to Belize and welcome to the Belize Investment Summit 2025!
It is my profound honour and privilege, as CEO in the Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Investment, to stand before you this morning to open what promises to be a truly transformative event: The Belize Investment Summit 2025.

Today, we open this important gathering under the timely and powerful theme: **Bridging Markets, Building Resilience, Belize, the Nexus of CARICOM, Central America, and Mexico in a New Global Trade Era.**

This timely and powerful summit’s theme is not merely a slogan. It is our reality. It is our strategy. And it is our invitation to you.

Bridging markets means more than geographic proximity. It means linking our abundant natural and human capital with global demand; connecting investors with concrete, bankable opportunities; and closing the gap between ambition and implementation. Belize is uniquely positioned to be that bridge. When we speak of “Bridging Markets,” we speak of our unique geographic and economic position. We are the gateway between North and Central America, with deep cultural ties to the Caribbean. We are a nation that speaks the world’s language of business, with English as our official tongue, but also Spanish as a second language to over 70% of our population. And we must always boast that Belizeans have a heart that beats to a multicultural, peaceful rhythm.

We have gathered here from every corner of the world, not by chance, but by choice. The choice to be part of a new narrative. The choice to witness, first-hand, a nation poised and ready for its defining moment. We meet at a pivotal moment. The global economy is being reshaped by accelerated technological change, shifting supply chains, heightened attention to climate risk, and new models of trade and finance. For small, open economies like Belize, these shifts present both challenge and opportunity. Our goal — and ours alone — is to ensure that Belize is not a passive observer of change but a strategic, attractive destination where capital, ideas and markets connect for shared prosperity.

- Why Belize? We offer:
- We offer - Strategic geography and connectivity — a gateway between North, Central and South America and the Caribbean, well-placed for trade, logistics and nearshoring initiatives.
 - We offer - A proven, English-speaking legal and institutional framework rooted in common law — providing clarity and protection for investment.
 - We offer -Exceptional natural assets — our Barrier Reef, rainforests and biodiversity are world-renowned and provide the foundation for sustainable tourism, regenerative fisheries, and blue economy innovation.
 - We offer - A young, energetic workforce and a culture of entrepreneurship ready to embrace new skills in digital services, value-added agribusiness, and green technologies.

But potential alone is not enough. Over the last several years, the Government of Belize has moved deliberately to strengthen the foundations that matter to investors. We have modernized regulatory frameworks, advanced digital platforms to simplify approvals, and improved transparency and predictability across permitting and licensing. We have prioritized reforms that reduce transaction costs, expedite project timelines, and protect property and contract rights.

Look around the world today. You see supply chain realignments, a search for resilience, and a global economy in a constant state of flux. In this environment of change, uncertainty for some, represents unparalleled opportunity for others.

Belize is not just seizing that opportunity; we have been meticulously preparing for it. But as engineers know too well, a bridge is only as strong as its foundations. And that is what we have been fortifying.

“Strategic Investment Readiness” is the work you do not always see, but it is the work that makes today possible. It is the work of our dedicated public officers, our private sector partners, and our political leadership.

It is the modernization of our investment laws, creating a transparent, efficient, and protective framework for your capital. It is the critical investments in our infrastructure—from digital connectivity to sustainable energy and logistics—that ensure your operations are competitive and resilient. It is our focused development of key sectors: Sustainable Agro-Processing, Nearshore IT and BPO (and preparing for a sector of Global Digital Services), Renewable Energy, Eco-Tourism and Hospitality, and the Blue Economy. And most importantly, it is our commitment to public-private dialogue. We are not just open for business; we are open to partnership. We are here to listen, to collaborate and partner and to co-create the solutions that will deliver mutual, lasting prosperity.

Ladies and gentlemen, the world is looking for stability. It is looking for sustainability. It is looking for authenticity. Belize offers all this and more. We offer a stable democracy, a commitment to environmental stewardship that is unmatched (proof of this is our recent onboarding to create the second largest contiguous tropical forest in Mesoamerica...the Selva Maya spanning parts of SE Mexico, northern Guatemala and Belize), and we are a people whose resilience and warmth are our greatest national asset.

- Our strategic priorities for investment are clear and aligned with global trends:
- Sustainable tourism and hospitality development that preserves our natural heritage while creating quality jobs.



- Renewable energy and energy efficiency projects to reduce reliance on fossil fuels, improve resilience, and lower costs for businesses and households.
- Value-added agriculture and agro-processing — turning our world-class cacao, coconuts, turmeric, citrus, and specialty crops into branded products for global markets.
- The blue economy — sustainable fisheries, aquaculture, marine conservation services, and responsible marine biotechnology.
- Digital services, fintech, and business process outsourcing that leverage our English-language advantage and time zone compatibility.
- Logistics and light manufacturing geared to regional supply chains and nearshoring demand.
- Health services, education, and creative industries, including film and cultural production areas with robust growth potential and opportunities for public-private collaboration.

To realize those priorities, we are actively seeking partnerships — not just capital, but expertise. We welcome impact investors, development finance institutions, sovereign partners, private equity, and diaspora capital willing to co-create solutions in blended finance structures and public-private partnerships. Belize is open to pilot projects, greenfield developments, and anchor investments that catalyze broader ecosystems.

Sustainability and resilience are not optional; they are a prerequisite. Climate change poses real risks to our islands, coasts, and communities. That is why, every project we prioritize is evaluated against environmental and social standards and why we seek investments that deliver measurable climate resilience and nature-positive outcomes. Our commitment to sustainable development is both moral and strategic: it preserves the resources that make Belize attractive and reduces future costs and risks for investors.

This Summit is designed to be practical and results-oriented. Over the next two days, you will hear from sector leaders, meet project champions, engage in structured matchmaking sessions, and have the chance to see firsthand the investment-ready opportunities we have prepared. We will present bankable projects, incentives that align with performance, options for blended finance and guarantees, and streamlined pathways for establishing and scaling operations.

This is a wonderful opportunity to hear from visionary leaders, including our Prime Minister, who will outline the clear, actionable vision for Belize’s economic future. You will dive deep into sector-specific sessions, meet with the decision-makers who can turn your proposals into projects, and I hope experience the incredible potential and beauty of our country.

So, to our international guests, I say this: Ask the tough questions. Challenge our assumptions. Explore every opportunity. Let us show you that Belize is not just a destination for a memorable vacation, but the ideal destination for a sound, strategic, and impactful investment.

Your presence here signifies a shared belief in that potential. For that, we thank you.

To our investors: come see Belize with an open mind and a readiness to partner. Ask for the data. Request site visits. Meet our entrepreneurs. Our team is committed to removing barriers and to collaborating with you from first interest to project execution.

To our private sector and development partners: thank you for your collaboration and for sharing in this vision. Government cannot do it alone. We need your innovation, capital, and risk appetite. Together we can ensure that investments are inclusive, sustainable and generate lasting value for Belizean communities.

Finally, I want to thank our partners — the ministries, local authorities, Belizean enterprises, civil society, and international development agencies — for their tireless work to make this Summit possible. And I extend a special welcome to our international guests and investors who have travelled to be here. Your presence is a vote of confidence in Belize. We intend to honour that confidence with results.

Let us use this Summit to build bridges — between markets, between ideas and action, between capital and community. Let us leave here with concrete commitments, with partnerships that can be measured in jobs and resilient infrastructure, and with a shared determination to steward Belize’s natural wealth for future generations.

On behalf of the Ministry of Investment, I declare the Belize Investment Summit 2025 officially open. I look forward to productive conversations, new partnerships, and bold investments that will drive Belize’s prosperity in a changing global economy.

Thank you. Belize @44 – Stronger Together, Rising Forever!

Belize@44: A Nation Celebrates its month

There is an automatic feeling of deep patriotism and euphoria when Belizeans hear the words September, 10th, Independence, Queen of the Bay, Carnival, George Price, Motorcade, Panyaad and some others including our September songs. At 44, the more we change the more we remain the same in a modernized way. Today we hear of a National Orchestra in the formation stage. That can be epic. While we wait for that, Belize is moving forward with a celebration as its crescendo towards the 21st.



Honoring Belize’s Cultural Icons

The Belize@44 Awards for Creative and Cultural Excellence highlighted the invaluable contributions of local cultural pioneers. This year’s honorees included Leroy “The Grandmaster” Young (Literary Arts), Mamie Martinez (Dance), Derrick “Dickie” Straughan (Music), Andy Chuc (Indigenous Knowledge), Gilvano Swasey (Visual Art), Margaret Welcome (Community Action and Heritage), Sharmane Garcia (Theatre and Film), and former Ambassador Diane Haylock (Cultural Leadership). These luminaries embody Belize’s rich artistic and cultural legacy, ensuring that heritage thrives for generations.



Carnival Fever in Belize City

Belize City came alive this past weekend with the energy of J’ouvert and the Carnival Road March, as the Belize Carnival Association marked its 50th anniversary. Beginning at 4:00 a.m., revellers splashed through the streets with paint, powder, and mud, creating the biggest J’ouvert yet. By afternoon, the Carnival Road March transformed the city into a sea of vibrant costumes and pulsating music along the eight-mile route. Thousands lined the streets, while others watched from the sea, cheering on senior and junior bands. Soca Moca once again took home the senior championship, while Soca Massive claimed victory in the junior category.



Fire Engine Parade Unites the Nation

Across Belize, sirens echoed, and children waved as fire trucks paraded through towns and cities, bringing families together in the spirit of unity and pride. The nationwide Fire Engine Parade has become a cherished part of the September Celebrations calendar, thrilling the youngest Belizeans while displaying the strength of community institutions.



227 Years Since the Tenth

On September 10th, Belize will commemorate the 227th anniversary of the Battle of St. George’s Caye. This historic victory remains a defining moment in the nation’s story, celebrated annually with ceremonies and parades that honor the bravery and unity of the Baymen and their allies.



A Royal Passing of the Crown

The Queen of the Bay Ceremony once again brought elegance and national pride to the stage. Reigning Queen Deanni Laing passed the crown, robe, and scepter to Queen Designate Samantha Ramirez, who pledged to wear them with honor and pride. Joined by Miss Belize City Queen of the Bay Vivica Perez and Miss Stann Creek West Queen of the Bay Sasha Lopez, the ceremony reflected the grace and cultural heritage of Belize.



Looking Ahead

With concerts, expos, block parties, and cultural festivals still on the horizon, Belize’s 44th Independence celebrations are only just beginning. Each event—whether honoring history, celebrating culture, or uniting communities—embodies this year’s theme: “Belize@44 – Stronger Together, Rising Forever.”

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES:

Notice is hereby given that **Takayuki Yanai** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**Taka Kitchen**” located at # 2/4 Hutson Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Elee Diaz** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at “**Two Souls Latin Cuisine**” located at # 2 Blue Hole St., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rajiv Mehmi** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at “**Tabu Lounge & Nigh Club**” located on Buena Vista St., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yu Yang Tan** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at “**Super Y Mart**” located at # 58 Bullet Tree Rd., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Qing Yun Tan** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Super Q Mart**” located at # 83 Bullet Tree Rd., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Nedege Thomas** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**Mystic River Resort**” located at Mile 6 Cristo Rey Rd., Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jubencio Victor Tut** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**Crystal Paradise Resort**” located in Cristo Rey Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Derby Tzib** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**Tanah D Family Restaurant**” located in San Antonio Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Gabino Canto** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at “**San Antonio Service Centre**” located in San Antonio Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Sarita Coh** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**Korn Korner**” located in San Antonio Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Elizabeth Storey** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**The Junction**” located in San Antonio Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.



REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
(WORKS)

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CROSSING, SAN PEDRO TOWN, BELIZE

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program
Process ID: BL-L1046 – P00002
Deadline: November 4th, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the Program’s proceeds to procure the services of a Company for the “**Design and Construction of Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossing, San Pedro Town, Belize**”, and invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for these works.

The Ministry of Finance invites interested bidders to access the full version of this RFB online at <https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit bids in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
(WORKS)

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF TOURIST PARK AND INDEPENDENCE PARK IN ORANGE WALK TOWN, BELIZE

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program
Process ID: BL-L1046 – P00004
Deadline: November 4th, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program.

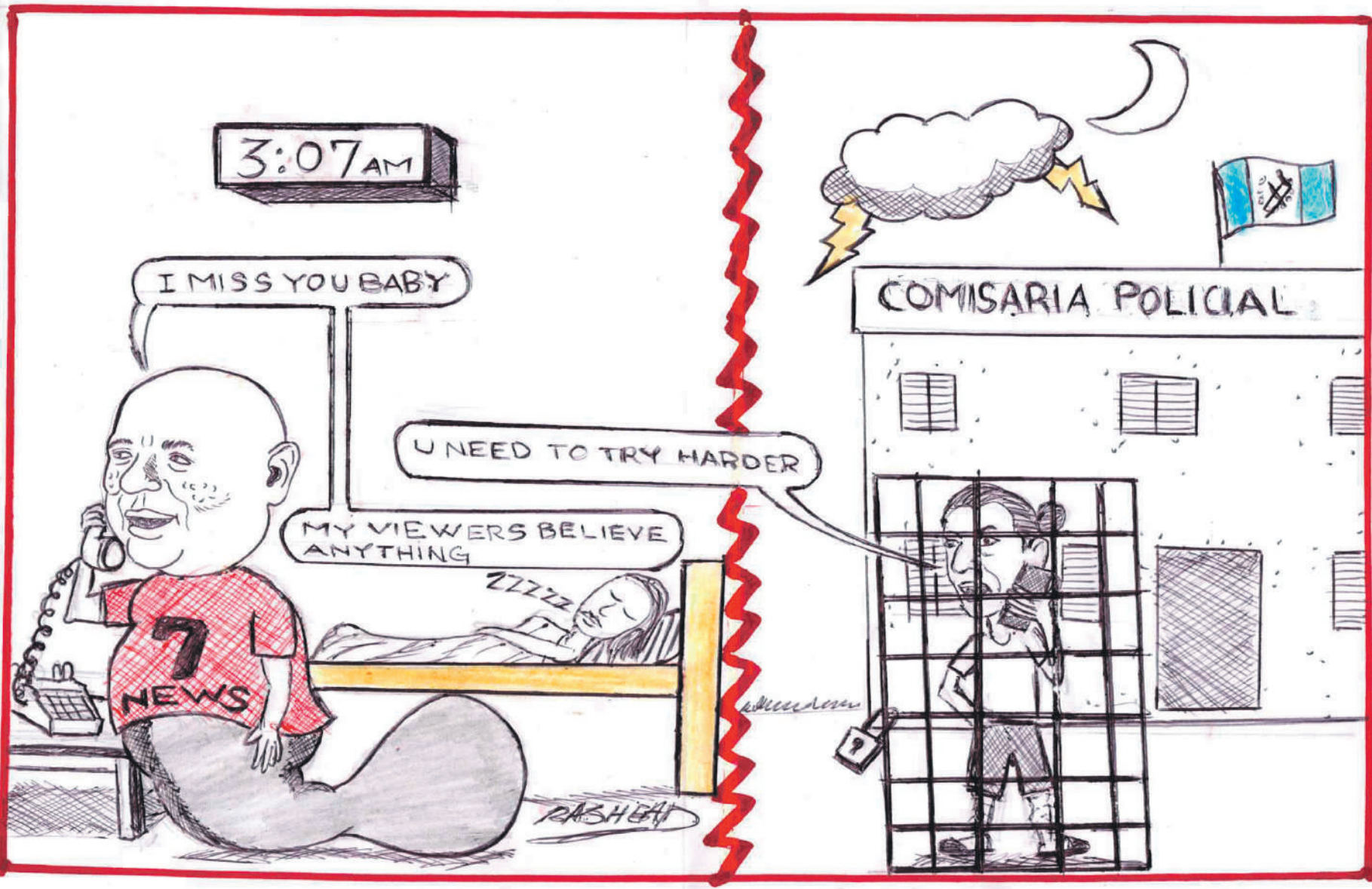
The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the Program’s proceeds to procure the services of a Company for the “**Design and Construction of Tourist Park and Independence Park in Orange Walk Town, Belize**”, and invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for these works.

Interested companies can access the full version of this RFB online at <https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and submit their bid in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version of the RFB.

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LIPS OF A MANATEE





HIGHLIGHTS

Belize Investment Summit 2025

San Pedro, September 3 - 5

'Bridging Markets, Building Resilience'



World Premiere of ‘Looking Through Water’
starring Michael Douglas

Belize in the International Spotlight on the
Big Screen

New York, USA / Belize City, Belize – September 4, 2025



Belize took the international spotlight this week as Looking Through Water, a feature film starring Michael Douglas and directed by acclaimed Mexican filmmaker Roberto Sneider premiered at the prestigious Directors Guild of America (DGA) Theatre in New York City.

Filmed primarily in San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, the story follows a New York executive (Michael Stahl-David) who reunites with his estranged father (David Morse) for a high-stakes fishing competition. Against Belize’s stunning Caribbean waters and a vivid recreation of 1980s San Pedro, the film explores family, healing, and generational bonds.



Blending Hollywood talent with Belizean authenticity, the film featured Tamara Tunie (*Law & Order: SVU*) alongside Belizean actors Marcus Alamina and Noah Beaumont, as well as more than 60 local extras and fishermen who brought vibrancy and cultural depth to the screen.

Representing Belize at the New York premiere were Fer De Lance Productions CEO Suzette Zayden, Supervising Producer for Belize, and Captain Marcus Alamina, who portrayed Wally, the charismatic rival fishing captain onscreen , while also serving behind the scenes as Assistant Marine Coordinator.

“Seeing Belize on the big screen in New York has been a proud moment,” said Zayden. “Looking Through Water not only captures the beauty of our country, but also showcases the skill and professionalism of Belizeans on both sides of the camera. At Fer De Lance Productions, we are proving that Belize has everything it takes to be a world-class film destination.”

“To stand alongside international actors and represent Belize and my hometown of San Pedro at this premiere is a dream come true,” added Alamina. “Being part of the cast of **Looking Through Water** allowed me to share a piece of our culture and spirit with the world, and I hope it inspires more opportunities for Belizean actors and crews in global cinema.”

Looking Through Water opens in select U.S. theaters on **September 12**. Belizean audiences will enjoy their own red-carpet premiere on **November 8** at the Umaya Resort in Placencia to launch the **18th Belize International Film Festival**. (release)

See trailer at: <https://youtu.be/HGFakLehVzE?si=x-i51dSO1TaBqO89j>

Prime Minister Takes Decisions
in the Budna Matter

Belmopan, September 8, 2025.

Prime Minister John Briceño confirms that he received the Police Department’s Investigative Report, with regard to the Budna matter, from Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Kareem Musa, last Friday, September 5, 2025.

The Prime Minister found the Report to be incomplete and, therefore, unsatisfactory.

In the circumstances, the Prime Minister has directed that Dr. Richard Rosado, Commissioner of Police, proceed on a leave of absence for forty-five (45) days, in the first instance. This leave is to commence with immediate effect.

Dr. Rosado’s leave, in the context of the high level of public interest in this matter, as well as the grave allegations made against the Police Department and the incomplete investigative report, is proper and proportionate at this time.

Simultaneously, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. Bart Jones, will be appointed as Acting Commissioner of Police for the period of Commissioner Rosado’s absence.

Both Dr. Rosado and Mr. Jones have assured the Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Kareem Musa, of their cooperation, ensuring that all Police Department operations flow seamlessly during this period.

The Prime Minister further confirms that as of September 7, 2025, Police Officer Mr. Barrington Flowers has been placed on interdiction, based upon information gathered in the preliminary investigative report.

Acting Commissioner Jones has recommended that Deputy Commissioner of Police, Suzette Anderson, be immediately assigned the responsibility to complete the Police investigation into the Budna matter, with the goal of submitting a complete report by the end of this month.

Once the Investigative Report is properly prepared and submitted, the Prime Minister, along with the Cabinet, will act swiftly on its recommendations.

“Today’s decisions are a result of public information and the preliminary report regarding the Budna matter. Commissioner Rosado is acknowledged for his readiness to commence on a leave of absence to allow the Budna investigation to be completed free from any suggestion of conflicts or influence,” says Prime Minister Briceño. “The rule of law and the reputation of the Police Department are of foremost consideration.”

As appropriate, the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Police Department will provide periodic updates in the process of its ongoing investigation.

Ends



REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
(COMPANY)

Design and Construction of St. Paul’s Boardwalk, Corozal Town

Institution: Ministry of Finance

Country: Belize, Central America

Project: Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program

Process ID: BL-L1046-P00022

Deadline: **October 17, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the Program’s proceeds to procure the services of a Company for the “**Design and Construction of St. Paul’s Boardwalk, Corozal Town**”.

The Ministry of Finance invites interested companies to access the full version of this RFB online at <https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit their Bid in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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IDB & Taiwan Support Belize
In Expanding Labor Force Participation & Employability
Loan Contract Signed at BIS in San Pedro



September 4, 2025 – In a joint release the announcement was made that the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is supporting Belize’s efforts to increase labor force participation and improve employability through a financing package of US\$8 million.

The operation will support a program that aims to address the country’s skilled labor shortage by strengthening public employment services and expanding access to relevant quality training in high-demand sectors such as tourism, business process outsourcing, and the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector.

The program is expected to benefit over 20,000 job seekers, including at least 2,360 individuals trained in priority sectors. It will also support a 200% increase in the number of active job seekers registered in the public employment service and 50% increase in registered job vacancies.

The Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. John Briceño, and the General Manager of the Country Department for Central America, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, and the Dominican Republic (CID) of the IDB, Mr. Tomás Bermúdez, signed the loan contract for the program during the Belize Investment Summit in San Pedro, Ambergris Caye.

The IDB’s financing package includes a US\$7 million loan with a 5.5-year grace period and US\$1 million in non-reimbursable investment financing from the IDB Grant Facility. The program’s activities will also be financed by the resources of a joint co-financing through a **separate loan of US\$7 million** provided to Belize by Taiwan’s International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF).

The initiative will modernize Belize’s public employment services by introducing digital platforms for job matching, labor market information, and case management. It will also implement new service models tailored to the needs of vulnerable groups, including outreach strategies, career guidance, and support for entrepreneurship in areas with limited salaried employment opportunities. Furthermore, an employer engagement strategy will be introduced to build partnerships with employers, align services with labor market needs, increase vacancy registrations, and improve job matching.

The program will also develop talent pipelines in priority sectors, offering demand-driven training aligned with

employer needs. A pilot initiative will also focus on advanced digital skills, preparing participants for remote and nearshore ICT employment. To support women’s labor force participation, the program will train

childcare workers with a focus on caring for children with disabilities. It will also offer stipends to all participants to reduce financial barriers and promote inclusion of vulnerable groups in high-demand sectors.

The program will support migrants by improving access to employment services and training tailored to their needs, including assistance with work permits, language support, and culturally relevant outreach. (release)

Even as Belize is reporting very low unemployment numbers, there is a growing market for more Belize to join the workforce. This of course is supplemented by graduates who recently have not had the complaint of ‘where are the

jobs.’ With more BPOs scheduled to open in Belize City and around the country the competition among employers to hire the best is ramping up. Also, construction skills are at a premium due to all the construction that most likely is in record territory due to businesses, hotels, hospitals, highways, bridges undergoing construction. This is the factual narrative that is ignored by those who rather Belize fails. The PUP and planBelize is moving forward and no false narrative nor manufactured news will be an obstacle in the quest to fight crime, fight poverty while increasing access to homes, land, education, and health...all this while many more are employed. A big thanks go out to Taiwan and the IDB for helping to ensure that Belize copes with it development.

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Belize Investment Summit 2025 YIELDS \$1.5 BILLION IN POTENTIAL INVESTMENTS

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there will be many more jobs created. Additionally, it will improve connectivity in the region. Belize sits at the tail end of the logistics pipeline. However, there are deficiencies within the existing port, resulting in inefficiencies. Gutierrez suggested that when the pipeline is inefficient the people will pay a higher cost. There is also the need for bigger ships, which will reduce costs by 31%. Notably, the project will also leverage the cruise component to accomplish the project’s goals and make the project bankable.

Apart from the ventures above-mentioned, there were pitches to several other investment interests like the Strategic Plan for the Sustainable Development of Ambergris Caye which features an international airport on San Pedro. PM Briceño proudly summed up what the BIS 2025 represents saying “*The resounding success of this summit, far exceeded our expectations*”. Adding, “*We did not just talk about potential; we showcased tangible, bankable projects. The overwhelming response from the investment community is a powerful testament to their confidence in Belize’s political stability, economic reforms, and our unwavering commitment to sustainable inclusive growth*”. John Briceño displayed true leadership with the concluding statement: “*This is not just an investment in projects; it is an investment in the future of our people*.” Belize is standing tall on the world stage of investment. The Belize Investment Summit 2025, a resounding success!

By Hilly Bennett

Appreciation

The Office of the Prime Minister via the BIS committee expressed gratitude to participants and sponsors for making the 2025 summit possible. These included the Government itself for support but funding of close to a million dollars for the BIS came from these: Inter-American Development Bank, Caye Chapel Belize, Belize Financial Services Commission, the European Union, the Central Bank of Belize, the Development Finance Corporation, the CARICOM Development Fund, the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan), Bowen and Bowen Ltd., the Protected Areas Conservation Trust, the Belize Tourism Board, Nando’s Wholesale, Digi, Benny’s, Belize Airports Authority, Maya Island Air, Smart, Santander Group, Atlantic Bank, Belize Bank, the National Bank of Belize, Belize Foam Ltd., Caribbean Chicken, Finance Belize, Cementos Progreso, Vin’s Liquors Ltd., Honey Coast Energy, Alaia Hotel, Belize Fund for a Sustainable Future, St. Francis Xavier Credit Union Ltd., Corozal Free Zone, Belize Water Services, Heritage Bank Ltd., and IMMARBE Belize. Thanks to the staff of the Office of the Prime Minister, BELTRAIDE, people of Belize and the people of San Pedro for another resounding success for the Belize Investment Summit.

STATUTORY NOTICE
TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE of SHEILA SYLVIA GILLET A.K.A. SHEILA GIBSON A.K.A. SHEILA GILLET nee GIBSON, Deceased, of # 1441 CONEY DRIVE, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 36 of the Administration of Estates Act, Chapter 197 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of SHEILA SYLVIA GILLET A.K.A. SHEILA GIBSON A.K.A. SHEILA GILLET nee GIBSON, deceased, of #1441 CONEY DRIVE, BELIZE CITY, BELIZE who died on the 13th day of October, 2020 in whose estate a Grant of Probate has been granted to BERTRAND RUSSELL GILLET, the lawful executor of #1441 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize, on or before the expiration of three months from the first publication hereof AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that at the expiration of the said three months the said BERTRAND RUSSELL GILLET shall proceed to distribute the assets of the said, SHEILA SYLVIA GILLET A.K.A. SHEILA GIBSON A.K.A. SHEILA GILLET nee GIBSON, deceased, amongst the beneficiaries entitled thereto, having regard only to claims and demands of which they shall then have had notice.

DATED this 8th day of September 2025

GLENN D. GODFREY & COMPANY LLP
Attorneys-at-Law for
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Executor of the Estate of
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Lodgement of an EIA Report and Public Consultation

For

Mr. Kirk Barnes

For A Private Residential Development on Deep Blue Water Caye,
South Water Caye Marine Reserve,
Stann Creek District

The General Public is hereby informed that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for the proposed construction of a private residential development on Deep Blue Water Caye, located within the South Water Caye Marine Reserve, Stann Creek District, has been submitted to the Department of the Environment (DOE) by Mr. Kirk Barnes. The EIA report was prepared by Tunich-Nah Consultants & Engineering. While the EIA report is a technical document, it contains an executive summary that provides an overview of the project and its potential environmental impacts. The report will be reviewed by the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC) before a final decision is taken by the DOE.

The General Public is hereby advised that the EIA report is available for public review, free of charge, from September 5th, 2025, to October 2nd, 2025 (Monday-Friday) during normal working hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) at the following locations:

- 1. Hopkins Community Library, Hopkins Village
- 2. Placencia Community Center, Placencia Village
- 3. Seine Bight Community Center, Seine Bight Village
- 4. Independence Community Center, Independence Village
- 5. The DOE's office at 7552 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan City

The EIA report is also available on the DOE's website at the link: https://doe.gov.bz/?post_type=wpdmpro&p=17052&preview=true. The public is invited to submit their comments in writing on or before October 2nd, 2025, to the DOE at 7552, Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan, or via email to envirodept@environment.gov.bz or ciaunit@environment.gov.bz and link: <https://forms.gle/aHEDuc7fUro8fEsp8>.

Kindly be informed that a hybrid (in-person and virtual) public consultation on the EIA report will be held on September 25th, 2025, commencing at 6:00 pm. The in-person consultation will be held at the Hopkins HelpAge Center, in Hopkins Village, Stann Creek District. An online link will be provided on the DOE's Facebook page near the date for those who will participate virtually. The consultation will be streamed live via the Government of Belize Press Office Facebook page.

The general public is invited to attend in person or participate online, to make comments, ask questions, seek clarification, and express concerns to the DOE and the developer with regards to this project.

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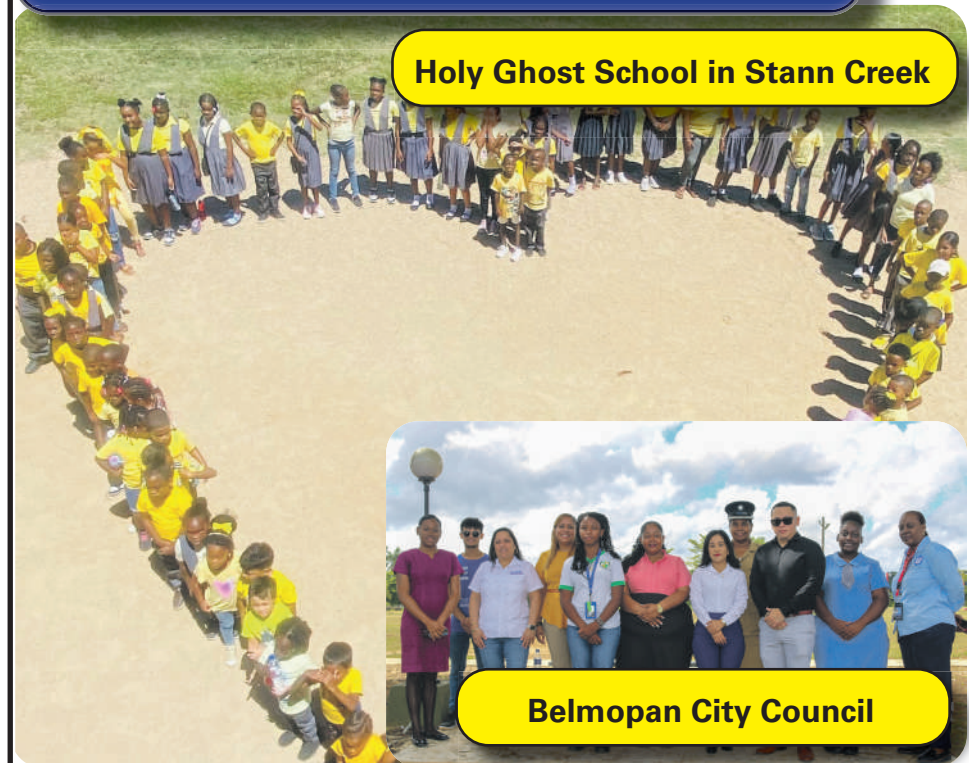


Lights at the Overpass



Flags hoisted Daily

Suicide Prevention Day Observed All Over



Holy Ghost School in Stann Creek

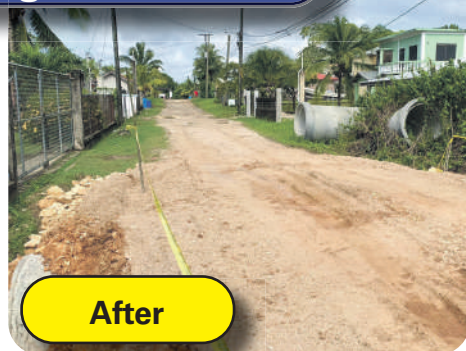


Belmopan City Council

Punta Gorda Town Council w/ MIDH Govel Morgan Street gets culvert



Before



After



During



CABEI Visit Planning for Better Drainage

Hon. Gilroy Usher, Port Loyola

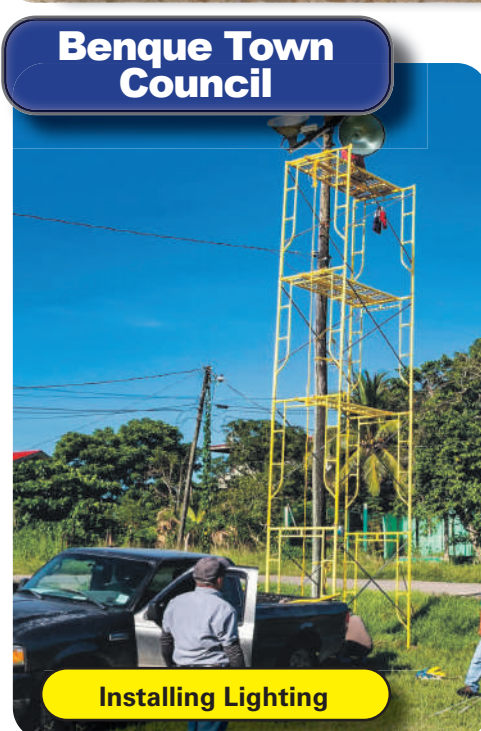


Supporting Sports in his area

Major work on Arlington Drive



Benque Town Council



Installing Lighting

Corozal Town Council Transport



Safety of the Children is a must

KHMHA and Union Settle Long-Standing Pension Dispute Through Mediation by Labour Department

Belize City, September 11, 2025

The Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority Workers Union (KHMHAU), the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital Authority (KHMHA), and the Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour, and Local Government, jointly announce the successful settlement of the long-standing pension dispute at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital. The dispute, reported to the Minister in June 2025 under the Settlement of Disputes in Essential Services Act, arose from differences regarding pension eligibility for employees who served between 2001 and 2017.

Through a process of structured dialogue and mediation facilitated by the Labour Commissioner and her team, the parties have signed an Agreement that provides for an ex-gratia payment to qualifying employees. Under the Agreement, current qualifying employees will receive payment by December 31, 2025, and former employees will be paid by December 31, 2026, upon proof of employment.

To ensure fairness and transparency, a joint committee, made up of three representatives from KHMHA management and three from the Union, will review and confirm the list of qualifying employees. This collaborative mechanism will safeguard accountability and build confidence in the process.

This joint achievement demonstrates the power of social dialogue in resolving complex workplace issues in essential services. It reflects the Ministry's commitment to industrial harmony, the Authority's responsibility to balance institutional obligations with fairness to staff, and the Union's dedication to securing recognition and justice for its members. Together, the three parties affirm that this Agreement is a milestone in Belize's labour relations and a testament to what can be achieved through cooperation, dialogue, and mutual respect.

Belize Protests Guatemalan Flag Incident at Sarstoon Island

Belmopan, September 11, 2025.

The Government of Belize confirms that tensions were diffused at the Sarstoon River on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, following interventions by the Ministries of Defence and Foreign Affairs.

High-level discussions between senior officials from Belize and Guatemala were immediately undertaken, wherein Belize expressed its strong objection to the recent illegal placement of a Guatemalan flag on Sarstoon Island, which lies well within Belize's sovereign borders. Belize also expressed concern about the presence and conduct of Guatemalan Armed Forces (GAF) personnel who supported this illegal action. Guatemalan officials subsequently confirmed that the Guatemalan flag was removed.

During those discussions, Belize and Guatemala committed to ensuring that actions that could lead to escalation or confrontation in the Sarstoon area are avoided.

Both countries reiterated their commitment to working together to address situations through dialogue and cooperation, building upon the framework established during the recent inter-ministerial meeting between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defence, and Home Affairs of both countries. That meeting resulted in an agreement to develop and implement a coordinating mechanism to manage operations in the Sarstoon to prevent incidents of this nature.

The Government of Belize will be lodging a formal protest at the highest level against this violation of its territorial sovereignty and the aggressive actions that accompanied it.

The Government of Belize reaffirms its unwavering commitment to defend its territorial integrity and ensure that all actions taken by its security forces are guided by respect for the rule of law and the protection of Belize's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

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Congratulations Newest Community Health Workers



September 5 - We proudly welcome thirteen newly certified Community Health Workers for the Belize District. After completing a comprehensive training, both theory and hands-on practice, they are now ready to serve and support their communities.

These dedicated individuals join an integral program that brings healthcare closer to home, closer to a village.

Thanks to everyone who supports the CHW Program, the facilitators and nurses who trained, the HECOPAB Officers, the regional management team, and all our partners. Your guidance and mentorship are appreciated.

Let's celebrate their achievement and wish them the very best as they begin their journey in community health.(post)

Curbing the Cost of Living

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Progress for All Belizeans

Cost of Living Relief

- Minimum wage raised from \$5 to \$6/hr.
- 8.5% salary increase for teachers and public servants.
- GST-Free weekends for Back-to-School and Christmas.
- Expanded list of controlled goods and crackdown on price gouging.

Education Gains

- Free education for over 12,000 students at 23 schools.
- Tuition, books, devices, uniforms, meals, and transport covered.
- Raised subsidies for the University of Belize and financial aid for students.
- Healthy Start meals for 15,000 students daily.

Healthcare for All

- Free public hospital services.
- Expanded NHI coverage.
- People's Boledo proceeds supporting health care and sports.

Energy & Fuel Savings

- Stabilized cost of regular and diesel fuels.
- Butane savings passed on to consumers.

Support for Women & Families

- GST and customs duty removed on feminine hygiene products.
- Improved access to housing and land, reducing rental burdens.

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NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS

Calendar of Events 2025

BELIZE CITY

JULY

- 12 **Carnival 50TH Anniversary Gala**
Princess Belize City
7PM PAID
- 31 **Eve of Emancipation Service**
Queen Street Baptist Church
10PM FREE

AUGUST

- 1 **Emancipation Day Official Ceremony**
Government House
9AM
- Ebo Town Festival
Isaiah Morder Square
11AM FREE
- 2 **Miss Carnival Pageant**
Belize City Civic Centre
7PM PAID
- 15 **AfroCaribbean Sound Concert**
Bliss Centre for the Performing Art
7:30PM
- 23 **Carnival King & Queen Competition**
Belize City Civic Centre
7PM
- 24 **Queen of the Bay Sashing Ceremony**
Biltmore Plaza Hotel
6PM FREE
- 29 **Sir Barry's Belikin Bash**
Marion Jones Sporting Complex
6PM PAID
- 30 **Queen of the Bay Pageant**
Belize City Civic Centre
7PM PAID

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **NationalFlag Day Flag Raising Ceremony**
Flag Monument
6AM FREE
- 1 **Carnival Mas Camp Visits**
Respective Mas Camps
6PM FREE
- 3 **Creative and Cultural Excellence Awards**
House of Culture
2PM
- 4 **Francis Reneau Concert Series Timeless Tunes, R&B Edition**
Bliss Centre for the Performing Arts
8PM PAID
- 12 **Creative Youth Ideas Summit**
House of Culture
10AM
- 5 **Empire Ent. Street Fete**
MarionJonesSportingComplexCar Park
9PM PAID
- 6 **Carnival Jouvert**
Startsat Belcan Bridge then through Principal Streets of Belize City
4AM
- Carnival Road March
Commencing at the Memorial Park, up Marine Parade, unto Barrack Road, unto Princess Margaret Drive, ending at the Marion Jones Sporting Complex
2PM
- 7 **6th Annual Martins Community Fest**
Mahogany Street
10AM FREE
- 8 **16th Annual Evening of Patriotic Songs and Poems**
Wesley Church
7PM

- 9 **Fire Engine Parade**
Principal Streets of Belize City
7PM FREE
- 10 **Official Ceremony for the 227th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye**
Government House
9AM
- St. George's Caye Day 10th Parade
Principal Streets of Belize City
After Official Ceremony
- Belize City Council 10th Bram
Lord Rhaburn Plaza
11AMFREE
- 11 **OC501Belize 4th Annual Fundraiser**
Bliss Centre for the Performing Arts
8PM PAID
- 12 **Dinner Dance 2025**
Old Belize Pavilion
7PM PAID
- Pan Yaad
Government House Compound
8PM PAID
- 13 **Expo Belize Market Place**
Marion Jones Sporting Complex
9AM PAID
- 14 **National Day of Prayer**
7PM Venue TBA
- Annual BTB September Criterion Cycling Classic
Albert and Regent Streets
10AM
- 18 **Launch of the Belize National Orchestra**
Bliss Centre for the Performing Arts
7PM
- 17 **Tribute to Belizean Patriots**
Venue TBA
7:30PM
- 19 **National Service Day Wreath Laying Ceremony**
Lord Ridge Cemetery
10AM FREE
- National School Children's Rally
Belize City Civic Centre
9AMFREE
- 20 **11th Annual Soca & Culture Fest**
Belize City Civic Centre
9PM PAID
- Official Flag Raising Ceremony
Memorial Park
10PM FREE
- 21 **Official Ceremony for the 44th Anniversary of Belize's Independence**
Battlefield Park
9AM
- Uniform and Citizen's Parade
Principal Streets of Belize City
AFTER CEREMONY
- 21st Belize City Bash
Albert and Regent Streets
1PM-9PM FREE



BELMOPAN

AUGUST

- 1 **Emancipation Day**
- 30 **September Celebrations Night Market**
Sir George Brown Field
6PM FREE

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **NationalFlag Day Flag Raising Ceremony**
BNE Flag Roundabout
5:45AM FREE
- 6 **Cultural Culinary Fest**
Independence Park
- 9 **Fire Engine Parade**
Principal Streets of Belmopan
7PM FREE

- 10 **St. George's Caye Day Citizen's Ceremony and Block Party**
Sir George Brown Park
10AM
- 12 **Christian Block Party**
Sir George Brown Park
7PM FREE
- 13 **Kids Movie Night and Camp Fire**
Devon Beaton Park
6PM FREE
- 14 **National Day of Prayer**
Venue and Time TBA
- Mayor's U-15 Cup (Football Marathon)
Governor General's Field
9AM FREE

- 14 **Macobi Show, Optimist Club 501 Belize**
3PM FREE
- 16 **State of the Nation Address**
Sir Edney Cain Building
9AM
- 17 **State of the Nation Panel Discussion**
7:30 PM UB JAGUAR AUDITORIUM
- National Service Day
National School Children's Rally
UB Gymnasium
9AM FREE
- 20 **J'ouvert**
Venue TBA
3AM FREE

- Taking Back the Land Parade
Principal Streets of Belmopan
6PM FREE
- Flag Raising Ceremony and Fireworks Display
Governor General's Field
11:45PM FREE
- 21 **Ceremony for the 44th Anniversary of Belize's Independence**
TBA
- Citizen's Parade
Principal Streets of Belmopan
- Park Fest
Governor General's Field
AFTER PARADE

SAN IGNACIO & SANTA ELENA

AUGUST

- 1 **Emancipation Day**
- 8 **Night Market Pop Up Shop**
Baptist Church Park
- End of Summer: Western Explosion
Victor Galvez Stadium
Date and Time TBA
- 13 **Back To School Drive**
Venue and Time TBA
FREE
- 17 **Movie Night**
RotaryPark(Santa Elena)
7PM FREE

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **NationalFlag Day Flag Raising Ceremony**
TownHall
6AM
- 5 **Senior Citizen's Day**
Octavia Waight Centre
12PM FREE

- 9 **Fire Engine Parade**
Principal Streets of SISE
7PM
- Flag Raising Ceremony and Fireworks Display
Administration Building
9PM FREE
- 10 **Ceremony for the 227th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye**
Falcon Field
1PM
- Citizen's Parade
Starts at Falcon Field
2PM
- 12 **Patriotic Colours Day**
TownHall
ALL DAY
- Children and Adult's Talent Show
Cayo Welcome Centre
7PM FREE
- 13 **Ms Chiquita Queen**
Cayo Welcome Centre
7PM FREE

- 14 **National Day of Prayer**
Venue and Time TBA
- Christian Explosion
Dumanis Ministries
7PM
- 17 **Cayo J'ouvert**
Macal Park
9PM -5AM
- 19 **National Service Day**
- National School Children's Rally
9AM
- 20 **Flag Raising Ceremony and Fireworks Display**
Administration Building
9PM FREE
- 21 **Ceremony for the 44th Anniversary of Belize's Independence**
Santa Elena Sports Complex
2PM
- Citizen's Parade
Principal Streets of SISE

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ORANGE WALK

AUGUST

- 1 **Emancipation Day**
- 30 **Fiesta FM Anniversary**
Fort Cairns Market
10AM FREE

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **NationalFlag Day FlagRaising Ceremony**
TownHall
6AM
- 9 **Fire Engine Parade and Block Party**
Central Park
7PM FREE

SEPTEMBER

- 10 **10K Run**
TownHall
5:30AM
- Ceremony for the 227th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye
TownHall
3PM
- 11 **Masters of the Road**
San Estevan Road
3:30PM FREE
- 12 **Youth Concert**
Fort Cairns
2PM FREE

BENQUE VIEJO

AUGUST

- 1 **Emancipation Day**
- 30 **Pageant Night - Queen of the Bay, Ms Antorcha, Ms Independence**
Cancha Marshalleck
7PM

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **NationalFlag Day FlagRaising Ceremony**
George Price Boulevard
6AM
- 9 **Fire Engine Parade**
PrincipalStreetsofBenque Viejo
7PM

- 10 **Ceremony for the 227th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye, Crowning of the Queen and Cultural Presentations**
Cancha Marshalleck
7PM
- 13 **Mural Unveiling and Pre-Independence Expo**
Market Square, Cancha Marshalleck
TIME
- 14 **National Day of Prayer**
Venue and Time TBA

- 20 **J'ouvert, Flag Raising Ceremony and Fireworks Display and Torch Run**
Administration Building
9PM FREE
- 21 **Ceremony for the 44th Anniversary of Belize's Independence**
Central Park
2PM
- Citizen's Parade and Block Party
After Ceremony
- 28 **Dia de la Biblia Parade**
Principal Streets
ALL DAY

- 19 **National Service Day**
- National School Children's Rally
Cancha Marshalleck
9AM
- 20 **Torch Run, Flag Raising Ceremony, Fireworks Display and Independence Dance**
Cancha Marshalleck
9PM
- 21 **Ceremony for the 44th Anniversary ofBelize's Independence**
Cancha Marshalleck
3PM

COROZAL

AUGUST

- 1 **Emancipation Day**
- 29 **Annual Maya Wedding Re-enactment**
Santa Rita Archaeological Site 7PM
- 30 **3rd Annual Coconut & Corn Festival**
Santa Rita Archaeological Site 7PM

- 5 **Miss Independence Designate Presentation and Dance**
In Front of Town Hall
7PM
- 6 **Carnival King & Queen Competition and Beach Bash**
Chactemal Bayside Plaza
- 9 **Fire Engine Parade**
Principal Streets of Corozal
7PM
- 10 **Parade for the 227th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye**
Principal Streets of Corozal

- 12 **Wet Fete**
ChactemalBayside Plaza
7PM
- 13 **J'ouvert**
PrincipalStreets of Corozal
2AM
- MalMal Carnival Edition Artisan Market
Central Park
1PM
- Carnival Road March
Principal Streets of Corozal
4PM
- Carnival Road March After Party
Chactemal Bayside Plaza

- 14 **National Day of Prayer**
Via Radio
- 19 **National Service Day**
- National School Children's Rally
Central Park 9AM
- 20 **Noche de Cultura Flag Raising Ceremony, Fireworks Display**
Andres Campos Civic Centre 8PM
- 21 **Ceremony for the 44th Anniversary of Belize's Independence**
Andres Campos Civic Centre 9AM

SAN PEDRO

AUGUST

- 1 **Emancipation Day**

- 3 **Belize Investment Summit 2025 'Bridging Markets, Building Resilience'**
Sunset Caribe
ALL DAY

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **National Flag Day Flag Raising Ceremony**
Central Park
6AM
- 9 **School Talent Show Street Fest**
Central Park
7PM

- 10 **Ceremony for the 227th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye**
Central Park
- 10 **Uniform Parade**
Central Park
- 13 **Centro America Independence Event**
Saca Chispas
- 14 **National Day of Prayer**

- 19 **National Service Day**
- National School Children's Rally
Central Park
- 20 **Flag Raising Ceremony, Fireworks Display**
Saca Chispas
- 21 **Ceremony for the 44th Anniversary of Belize's Independence and Carnaval Parade**
Saca Chispas

DANGRIGA

AUGUST

- 1 **Emancipation Day**

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **NationalFlag Day Flag Raising Ceremony**
Venue
6AM
- 9 **Fire Engine Parade**
PrincipalStreetsofDangriga 7PM

- 10 **Ceremony for the 227th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye**
BTL Park
TIME
- 12 **Children's Talent Show**
Venue
TIME
- 13 **Senior Citizen's Day**
Venue
TIME

- 14 **National Day of Prayer**
Venue and Time TBA
- 18 **Karaoke Night**
- 19 **National Service Day**
- National School Children's Rally
BTL Park
9AM

- 20 **Flag Raising Ceremony, Fireworks Display**
Venue
TIME
- 21 **Ceremony for the 44th Anniversary of Belize's Independence**
Venue
TIME

PUNTA GORDA

AUGUST

- 1 **Emancipation Day**
- 30 **Back to School Drive**
TownHall
9AM FREE

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **NationalFlag Day FlagRaising Ceremony**
PG Welcome Plaza
6AM
- 4 **Art Day**
Central Park
9AM FREE
- 5 **World Literacy Day**
Punta Gorda Public Library
9AM FREE
- 9 **UB Panel Discussion**
University of Belize Toledo Campus
10AM FREE
- Fire Engine Parade
Principal Streets of Punta Gorda
7PM
- 10 **Ceremony for the 227th Anniversary of the Battle of St. George's Caye**
Central Park
2PM 3PM
- Carnival
PrincipalStreets of Punta Gorda

- 12 **Children's Talent Show**
Central Park
9AM FREE
- 14 **National Day of Prayer**
Central Park
6AM FREE
- 17 **Senior Citizen's Day**
TownHall
ALL DAY
- 18 **Appreciation Night**
TownHall
6PM
- 19 **National Service Day**
Strategic areas of Punta Gorda
ALL DAY

- National School Children's Rally
Central Park
9AM
- 20 **Torch Run**
DumpJunction to Central Park
10PM
- Flag Raising Ceremony, Fireworks Display and Dance
Central Park
11PM
- 21 **Ceremony for the 44th Anniversary of Belize's Independence and Citizen's Parade**
Central Park
9AM

VOICE OF THE COMMON MAN

BWS MEDIA MIX WITH VIBES

34th ANNUAL WATER & WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE



On Monday September 8, the Executive Chairman of Belize Water Services, Cornelio Acosta, and the Administrative Assistant of the Belize Water Services and Conference Chair, Keira Clarke, visited Vibes Media on The Whip to discuss the upcoming 34th Annual Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association Conference, which will be held in San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, from October 20 to 24.

According to the Conference Chair, Keira Clarke, preparations for the event started in October 2024, following the 33rd conference

that was held in Trinidad and Tobago. Clarke explained that although she holds the position of the Conference Chair, several committees are involved with the planning. The Executive Chairman, Acosta heads the sponsorship committee, then there is the Technical Papers Committee, a PR Committee, the Special Events Committee and the Transportation Committee. These committees have been meeting monthly to organize the events for the conference.

Belize was selected to host this year's conference at the 33rd Annual CWWA Conference and Chairman Acosta explained the selection process. He said, "At their annual general meeting, normally, the representatives of countries would bid for that." That was in the Bahamas. It was already set that the following two conferences would be in Guyana and Trinidad, the 32nd and the 33rd. "At the 33rd conference, Belize made a bid. They accepted that the 34th would be held here." Acosta informed the Prime Minister and the preparations got underway.

Interestingly, Ms. Candice Santana, President of the CWWA said "Mr. Acosta is one of the leaders who is currently making the right decisions in the right direction to build water security, to build resilience in terms of efficiency, effectiveness, and so on. This is the right time for Belize to host it, and also the right time for us as CWWA to come to Belize."

The CWWA Conference is one of the largest conferences in the region relating to water and wastewater. Between 300 to 500 industrial experts, exhibitors, vendors and ministers from the Caribbean usually attend these conferences. However, this year's conference will be unique as the Central American water utility leaders will be participating in the 34th conference. Acosta stated that "They will be incorporated into these Caribbean discussions. In addition to that, we also have some invited CEOs from South America who are also expected to attend. It is the first bilingual conference that CWWA is hosting."

Two areas that have been plaguing the Caribbean region are water scarcity and water security. These issues are nominal and have been addressed by BWS in the investment in additional wells and by implementing redundancy systems in the event of a severe dry season. Additional mitigating efforts are the investment in storage tanks. The Chairman was emphatic in saying "And of course, the thing that we can brag about most is our non-revenue water, which is water that is wasted, the water when you have a break that is free-flowing, water that is lost due to theft. We have the lowest NRW in the Caribbean and Central America." Another area of investment is wastewater and its management. On this matter Acosta proffered "Along with the World Bank, the Government of Belize, and BWS, we've managed to secure an \$8.5 million loan to rehabilitate our wastewater plant in Belize City." The intention is to move from a primary treatment facility to a tertiary treatment facility. BWS has also invested \$5 million over the past two years in maintaining the water system. Understandably, the water tariffs subsidize the sewer component of the system.

Ms Clarke brought up the humanitarian side of BWS alluding to BWS's slogan - Delivering Water and More - highlighting that the conference will include a charity event to raise needed funds for the noble institution Hope Haven. There will also be a culture night where the organizers will be displaying the culture, the rich Belizean cuisine, music and dances.

Coming on the heels of the Belize Investment Summit 2025, the CWWA Conference will be bridging markets to address the crises plaguing the regions and to build resilience in the alleviation of the critical issues in the water and wastewater management. Belize has become a model at the CWWA conference because of the achievements in the pursuit of the sustainable development goals. BWS and its leadership are set to make the Jewel proud. "Delivering Water and More".

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Hon. Gilroy Usher at St. Joseph PS Importance of Literacy

As the Area Representative for Port Loyola / Minister of State for Public Utilities, Energy, and Logistics, I was very thankful to Miss Shelby Gill teacher of Std. IV and her students at St Joseph Primary School in Belize City for the opportunity to speak to the class on **World Literacy Day**.

After defining literacy as the ability to speak, read, write, and listen in a way that communicates effectively, the discussion focused on the release of the new currency notes with the image of iconic Belizeans George Price-Father of the nation and Philip Goldson in Amandala for Sunday July 13, 2025.

Specific points covered the included the contribution of Price and Goldson to the nation of Belize,

where their statues/bust are located as well as highways, international airport, and villages named in their honor.

The lively discussion concluded with each student stating his/her career choice to aid in the development of the Belize. (Hon. Usher post)



Contract Signing - New Police Station in Bella Vista Village



The Ministry of Economic Transformation signed a contract with Coleman Construction Limited for the construction of a new police station in Bella Vista Village. This is part of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP), a BZ\$60 million initiative financed by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) to strengthen citizen security and enhance the Belize Police Department's capacity.

Valued at BZ\$550,875.00, the new facility will provide over 3,000 square feet of modern workspace, including specialized areas for a domestic violence unit, secure evidence room, interview rooms, a crime investigation office, and a conference room. Once completed, the station will serve approximately 10,000 residents of Bella Vista and surrounding communities, supporting a stronger police presence in the growing area.

One Project at a time. (post)

JAAB Health Clinic

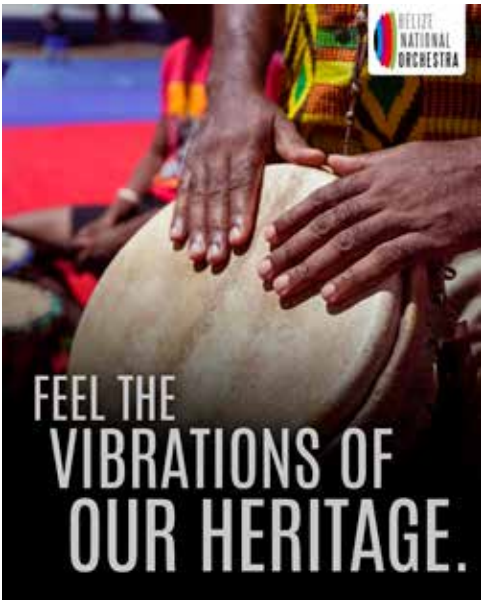
The JICA Alumni Association of Belize and JICA will be hosting a Medical Outreach on the 13th September 2025. Commencing at 9am to 1pm at the YMCA on Fabers Road, Belize City.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

August 27, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINETEENTH Annual General Meeting (the “**Meeting**”) of Belize Telemedia Limited (the “**Company**”) will be held on **Thursday, the 18th day of September 2025**, beginning at 10:00 a.m. where the following business will be transacted, viz.:

1. To receive and consider the Report of Directors and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st of March 2025.
2. To consider and declare a dividend for the period ended 31st of March 2025.
3. To elect a “Publicly Elected Director” (see notes attached).
4. To appoint Auditors for the 2025 to 2026 fiscal year and authorize the Board to agree on their remuneration.

Please be informed that the Company will provide virtual access to the Meeting for Shareholders and the duly authorized Proxies to join the Meeting virtually. Shareholders and duly authorized Proxies who wish to attend and vote at the Meeting in this manner must pre-register at www.livedigi.com/agm-2025 no later than 10:00 a.m. on or before **16th of September 2025**. Upon registration, Shareholders and the duly authorized Proxies will receive an email with further instructions and information. Shareholders and the duly authorized Proxies will only be able to access the Meeting virtually using a laptop or desktop computer. This access will form part of the formal proceedings of the Meeting. Shareholders will be able to access the Report of Directors and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st of March 2025 via the BTL's official Digi Website (www.livedigi.com).

Please be reminded that a member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint a Proxy to attend and vote in his stead. A Proxy need not be a member of the company. Please note that Mr. Eric Eusey (Publicly Elected Director and member) has indicated his willingness to act as proxy on your behalf and we urge you to appoint him as proxy as noted above. Kindly submit your proxy form to the registered office of the Company at the Esquivel Telecom Center, #1 Saint Thomas Street, Belize City, Belize no later than 10:00 a.m. on or before **16th of September 2025**.

For more information contact us at prdept@livedigi.com.

World Suicide Prevention Day

Observed each year on September 10th



This year's theme is "Changing the Narrative of Suicide" This theme focuses on transforming how people in our community perceive Suicide. It encompasses a call to shift from a culture of silence and stigma to one of openness, understanding, empathy, compassion and action.

As part of WSPD observance, the Mental Health Department engaged in various activities today as part of their Suicide Awareness campaign.

The traditional WSPD Awareness Flag was raised this morning at the NRH compound to signal Suicide Observance. Staff

also participated in a radio talk campaign today as part of Suicide prevention and mental health promotion.

Finally, the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners facilitated a whole day Mental Health Workshop to 49 Community Health Workers from the Orange Walk District on Understanding Suicide, Refresher training in Psychological First Aid (PFA) , Most common Mental Health Disorders, Referral System, and Basic Skills in Conflict Resolution.

Suicide is a preventable Public Health Concern. Let us lobby for more community support and policies to prioritize this pre-

Donation to San Narciso Polyclinic



A heartfelt thank you to the recently graduated women's group, the Venezuelan Embassy, INCES, and Honorable Minister Ramiro Ramirez for their generous donation to San Narciso Polyclinic.

Through this initiative, our facility received bed covers, pillow covers, and gowns for both adults and pediatrics.

What makes this project even more special is that it goes beyond donations—it empowers women in our community by providing them with hands-on training in

clothing and sewing.

We are proud to be the first to benefit from such a valuable project, and we look forward to seeing the continued positive impact it will bring. (post)

The San Narciso Village Council is one of the forward thinking groups in the country. They pick up garbage, clean cemetery, maintain the water distribution, maintain the community center and here another example. The Hon. Ramirez provides as much support as is needed.



ventable Mental health issue. If we take a minute to talk to someone struggling, we can save his/ her life. There is help! Suicide is Preventable! (post)

For free Mental Health support please

visit us at our Mental Health Clinic at Northern Regional Hospital , #1Holy Trinity Street, Orange Walk Town.

For appointments please call 6772562 during normal working hours.

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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project
Process ID: BZ-CEU-460797-CS-INDV-2
Duration: Two (2) years
Duty Station: Ministry of Finance, Belmopan (In Office)
Deadline: September 29, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received loan financing from the World Bank (WB) for the execution of the Project: “Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project”.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project’s proceeds to engage contractual services of a “Environmental Specialist”.

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the full version of this Request for Application and Terms of Reference (TOR) at [MOF – Environmental Specialist – Individual Consultant – BZ-CEU-460797-CS-INDV-2 – MOF 2025 - Procurement Portal](#) or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

ATTN: Nayomi Torres
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“Chip in with Taiwan” for Global Peace and Prosperity

by Lin Chia-lung, Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Republic of China (Taiwan)



Today, the world faces mounting uncertainties and challenges—from prolonged conflicts and democratic backsliding to economic coercion and disinformation campaigns. Authoritarian regimes increasingly employ gray-zone tactics that undermine the rules-based international order. In this fragile global environment, peace cannot be taken for granted. Democracies must unite to bolster resilience and safeguard our cherished values and way of life.

Taiwan is a key player and an indispensable partner in the Indo-Pacific region, working toward global peace, stability, and prosperity. It stands on the front line of the Indo-Pacific’s first island chain, defending democracy and freedom from authoritarian expansionism. Taiwan also contributes significantly to stability and prosperity through its robust economy and semiconductor ecosystem. As the 21st-largest economy, Taiwan leads in artificial intelligence and semiconductors—producing over 60 percent of the world’s chips and 90 percent of its most advanced ones. This economic strength fuels global growth and makes Taiwan an indispensable partner for global development in various fields.

Taiwan is determined to defend democratic values, both at home and abroad. President Lai Ching-te launched the Four Pillars of Peace action plan last year, which commits to raising Taiwan’s defense spending and boosting whole-of-society resilience. Taiwan does not seek conflict with China and will not provoke it. In fact, Taiwan is urging Beijing to resume dialogue on the basis of parity and dignity.

In addition, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs adopted an “Integrated Diplomacy” to leverage Taiwan’s diplomatic, defense, technological, and economic strengths. With this smart power approach, Taiwan is navigating complex international relations, enhancing its global presence, and contributing to a more stable and prosperous world.

Through the global democratic values chain, Taiwan strengthens partnership with democracies facing uncertain geopolitical risks to resist authoritarian influence, promote human rights, advance digital governance, and uphold the rules-based international order. Taiwan’s resilience in the face of authoritarian threats proves that democracy can endure and thrive

under pressure.

As a thriving economic powerhouse, Taiwan leads in semiconductor production and advanced technologies. Its economic strengths fuel innovation and growth in sectors of AI, digitalization and healthcare. To reinforce this position, Taiwan has launched an economic diplomacy strategy focused on non-red supply chains, aiming to build trusted and transparent networks that safeguard critical industries from authoritarian interference.

Taiwan also actively advances the Diplomatic Allies Prosperity Project, harnessing public-private collaboration to consolidate government resources and leverage Taiwan’s industrial strengths to promote mutually beneficial development. Initiatives include collaborating with Paraguay to develop an integrated hospital information system (HIS) to enhance nationwide medical information management; partnering with Eswatini on an oil reserve facility project to strengthen energy security and stimulate local industry; and assisting Palau in becoming a smart and sustainable island nation to exemplify Taiwan’s commitment to sustainable international cooperation.

Regrettably, despite Taiwan’s significant global contributions, it remains largely unrecognized by the international community and is unable to participate in the United Nations system. Taiwan’s unwarranted exclusion stems from China’s deliberate misrepresentation of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758. The resolution is falsely linked with the so-called “one China principle” and continues to be wrongfully weaponized to block Taiwan’s participation.

However, UNGA Resolution 2758 does not mention Taiwan at all—it merely addresses China’s representation in the United Nations. The resolution does not state that Taiwan is part of the People’s Republic of China (PRC), nor does it grant the PRC the right to represent Taiwan in the UN system. Nevertheless, the United Nations has yielded to China’s political pressure, using the resolution as a pretext to exclude Taiwan from the international community.

In response, Taiwan is speaking out against this injustice and garnering ever-more support. As international backing for Taiwan grows, countries worldwide are increasingly emphasizing the importance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait at bilateral and multilateral forums such as the Group of Seven (G7) summit. And the executive and legislative branches of numerous nations have publicly clarified that UNGA Resolution 2758 neither determines Taiwan’s status nor precludes its participation in the international organizations, including the UN system.

As the United Nations celebrates its 80th anniversary—and with only five years remaining to realize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—it is time for it to fulfill its vision of “leaving no one behind” and becoming “better together” by including Taiwan.

Taiwan invites the world to “chip in” and help by recognizing Taiwan’s rightful place on the world stage and embracing the contributions it has to offer. Only by working together can we create a better and brighter future for the Indo-Pacific region and the world.



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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Consultancy Services – Phase I: Legal and Institutional Gap Analysis of the Labour Act

PURPOSE:

The Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO), invites qualified consulting firms to submit proposals to undertake a comprehensive review of the Labour Act, Chapter 297, Revised Edition 2020.

This Proposal is for Phase I of the Comprehensive Review of the Labour Act.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTANCY:

To conduct a comprehensive legal and institutional gap analysis of the Labour Act and related labour laws, identifying inconsistencies, gaps, overlaps, and opportunities for reform, and to provide recommendations aligned with ratified ILO Conventions, CARICOM Model Laws, and national development priorities.

SCOPE OF WORK:

The selected consulting firm will:

- Review the Labour Act and related laws
- Assess institutional frameworks and enforcement mechanisms
- Benchmark against International Labour Standards and CARICOM model laws
- Conduct stakeholder and political economy analysis
- Present preliminary reform recommendations

DURATION:

Four (4) months – December 2025 to March 2026

QUALIFICATIONS

Company Profile Requirements:

The consulting firm must be a registered entity with experience in legal reform, labour law, or institutional analysis in Belize or within the CARICOM region. It should have a proven track record of successfully delivering law and policy reform projects in collaboration with government ministries, international organizations, or regional bodies. The firm must also demonstrate the capacity to manage multi-disciplinary teams and deliver results within tight deadlines, while maintaining sufficient financial and administrative resources to ensure effective project execution.

Key Experts Required:

1. **Team Leader / Senior Labour Law Expert**
 - Law degree (LLB or higher) with at least 10 years’ post-qualification experience in the relevant subject area.
 - Expertise in employment law, labour legislation, and legal reform in Belize or the CARICOM region.
 - Strong knowledge of International Labour Standards.
2. **Policy Reform Specialist/Economist**
 - Master’s degree in Public Policy, Economics, Law, or related field.
 - Minimum 7 years’ experience in institutional analysis, governance, public sector reform, and labour market assessment.
 - Good understanding of CARICOM Model Laws, Belize’s legal and institutional systems, and basic economic modelling.
 - Strong knowledge of Belize’s economy and regional integration matters.
 - Proven ability to conduct consultations, facilitate social dialogue, and manage political economy assessments.

GUIDANCE ON SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL:

- Email submitted to: labour.comm@labour.gov.bz
- Subject email: Consultancy Services – Phase I: Legal and Institutional Gap Analysis of the Labour Act
- Attachment 1: Technical Proposal in password protected PDF format
- Attachment 2: Financial Proposal in password protected PDF format
- Submission deadline: 15th October 2025 at 4:00 pm

Note 1: Only complete submissions received by this deadline will be considered.

Note 2: Further guidance on submission requirements is provided in the Terms of Reference (TOR), which can be requested from the Labour Department at the same email address.

Belize Investment Summit 2025

Advancing Belize's Sustainable Blue Economy

Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation



The Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation (MBEMC) participated in the Belize Investment Summit 2025, where it showcased the nation's vast potential in advancing a thriving and sustainable blue economy. The Summit was held from September 3 to 5, 2025, in San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, under the theme, "Bridging Markets, Building Resilience: The Nexus of CARICOM, Central America, and Mexico in the New Global Era."

The delegation, led by Hon. Andre Perez, Minister of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation, included Ms. Beverly Wade, Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Felicia Cruz, Director of Blue Economy, and Mr. Rigoberto Quintana, Acting Fisheries Administrator. Throughout the Summit, the Ministry engaged in high-level discussions with international and local partners, strengthening partnerships and setting the foundation for new investments and collaborations that will advance Belize's blue economy, enhance livelihoods, and promote long-term prosperity.



A key highlight of the Summit was CEO Wade's participation in the distinguished panel discussion titled "Aqua Futures: Catalyzing Investments for Sustainable Prosperity." This panel explored how Belize is leveraging its booming blue economy and extensive network of marine protected areas to drive sustainable development, climate resilience, and inclusive economic growth.

In her intervention, CEO Wade highlighted Belize's efforts in marine protection, including innovative financing mechanisms such as debt-for-nature swaps and the blue bonds. These tools are unlocking new streams of capital while ensuring the protection of Belize's natural heritage for future generations. She further emphasized the vast oppor-

tunities in fisheries, aquaculture, and biotechnology. As part of its broader mandate, the Ministry continues to prioritize good governance and the creation of enabling conditions to support the development, expansion, and direct economic activities of the blue economy. These efforts are essential to fostering investor confidence, strengthening partnerships, and ensuring that growth within the sector translates into tangible benefits for

Belizean communities.

The Belize Investment Summit 2025 was a resounding success for the Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation. The groundwork laid during the Summit will pave the way for increased investment, stronger alliances, and substantial progress toward a thriving blue economy, one that safeguards the environment while creating opportunities and prosperity for all Belizeans. (release)

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 Belize National Mental Health Program

PACT Awards Enhancing Belize's Climate Resilience

Additional BZ\$3.2 million in Grants



Belmopan, Belize, September 5, 2025

The Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT) awarded BZ\$3,267,756.70 in grants to support four subprojects under its *Building Community Resilience via Transformative Adaptation* project (EDA Project). The agreements were signed on August 29, 2025, during Belize's first-ever Climate Finance Forum hosted by the Ministry of Economic Transformation.

Financed through the Adaptation Fund's Enhanced Direct Access facility, a locally led adaptation funding window, the project aims to improve Belize's long-term capacity to protect communities from the impacts of climate change. The new sub-projects, outlined below, are expected to directly impact 48,424 persons across 15 communities in Belize over the next five years.

The following are the Projects, the Grantee, Funds Approved, and the Time Frame

1. Safeguarding Forest and Water Resources through Strategic Protection and Restoration Solutions in the Macal and Mopan River Watersheds via Community Engagement; National Biodiversity Office in partnership with the Forest Department; \$1,588,061.38 for 36 months.

2. Strengthening Ladyville Fire Station's Fire Response Capacity for Climate-Resilient Communities; Ladyville Fire Station in partnership with the Ladyville Village Council; \$492,653.40 for 24 months.

3. Enhancing Community Resilience through Fire Management in Central Belize; The Belize Zoo & Tropical Education Center; \$448,505.00 for 30 months.

In February 2025, PACT awarded grants for four other subprojects currently being implemented by the Belmopan City Council, Sarteneja Village Council, Belize Forest Department, and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise, and BELTRAIDE. Together, the eight subprojects total BZ\$10 million and target five interconnected components critical to building community resilience. These include:

- **Component One:** Safeguarding Forest and Water Resources through Strategic Protection and Res-

toration Solutions

- **Component Two:** Combating Wildfires through Adaptive Management
- **Component Three:** Creating Opportunities to Support Alternative Livelihoods
- **Component Four:** Building National Capacity to Access Adaptation Finance
- **Component Five:** Community Disaster Risk Management

PACT serves as Belize's national implementing entity to the Adaptation Fund. In this role, PACT accesses, administers, and implements resources for the EDA Project, an on-granting mechanism for in-country climate finance.



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Belize Advances National Early Warning Systems

The Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation (MBEMC) is pleased to announce that the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) has issued a comparability finding for all of Belize’s fisheries listed on the List of Foreign Fisheries.

The National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO), in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) and partners, held the Second National Consultative Workshop on Early Warnings for All (EW4All) on September 2–3, 2025, in Belize City.

The two-day workshop built on the outcomes of the first national consultation held in May, where stakeholders validated Belize’s Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems (MHEWS) gap analysis. This second workshop focused on reviewing and validating the EW4All National Implementation Roadmap, which sets out concrete steps, resources, and partnerships to strengthen Belize’s disaster preparedness and response capacities.

Representatives from government ministries, local authorities, civil society, academia, the private sector, and international partners participated in discussions and breakout sessions. Together, they refined strategies to ensure Belize’s early warning systems are inclusive, gender-responsive, disability-inclusive, and accessible to all communities.

Key achievements of the workshop included:

- Validation of the multi-year, multi-actor EW4All National Implementation Roadmap.
- Agreement on the framework for a national coordination mechanism to guide early warning efforts.
- Stronger commitments to inclusivity and a whole-of-society approach in early warning systems.
- Enhanced collaboration and alignment among national and international stakeholders.

The Early Warnings for All initiative, launched by the United Nations Secretary-General in 2022, seeks to ensure that every person on Earth is protected by life-saving early warning systems by 2027. Belize continues to advance this vision through strong national leadership and collaboration with partners, including the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the European Union through the EUCARES programme, and the Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems (CREWS) initiative. (release)

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ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL SPECIALIST - CABEI-CS-002-2147/2025
BELIZE INTEGRAL SECURITY PROGRAMME (BISP)



September 12th, 2025

Background

The Government of Belize (GOB) is implementing a security programme with the overall objective of contributing to improving the quality of life of Belizeans and supporting regional efforts that seek to combat crime. The key goal of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP) is to strengthen citizen security by providing support to those institutions directly engaged in maintaining national security. The BISP will allow for the improvement of infrastructure and the provision of equipment for the Belize Defence Force (BDF), Belize Police Department (BPD), Belize Coast Guard (BCG), and the National Forensic Sciences Service (NFSS). Infrastructure works will include new construction as well as refurbishment and improvement of existing buildings. Surveillance and monitoring, mobilization, and specialized technical equipment will also be supplied to these institutions. The BISP is financed by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) through a loan facility with complementary input activities funded by the GOB. The Ministry of Finance, Investment, Economic Transformation, Civil Aviation, and E-Governance. (MET) is the executing body (EB) for the programme with policy direction and oversight provided by a program steering committee (PSC) comprised of representatives from the Ministry of Economic Transformation, the Ministry of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries, and the Ministry of National Defence and Border Security. Operational and administrative support for the BISP is being provided by a programme executing unit (PEU). An Environmental and Social Specialist is required to support the Programme Executing Unit (PEU).

1. Scope of Works

To tackle climate challenges and vulnerabilities while ensuring that surrounding communities are not negatively impacted, CABEI recognizes the importance of employing an Environmental and Social Specialist during the project's implementation. The E&S Specialist will play a crucial role in identifying, addressing, and mitigating any environmental and social risks that may arise.

The Environmental and Social Specialist will be responsible for overall environmental and social aspects of the project and for coordinating, implementing actions, monitoring, and reporting on the project’s compliance with the environmental and social standards and commitments, including those outlined in the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) developed for each construction site, the national environmental laws and the mandatory measures and conditions established under CABEI’s SIEMAS Plan. The Specialist will ensure that all activities are aligned with CABEI’s Environmental and Social Performance Standards and that timely and evidence-based reporting is provided to support the Bank’s supervision and verification processes.

The Environmental & Social Specialist will undertake the activities outlined below:

1.

Review and update existing environmental and social management plans to ensure their compliance with CABEI’s regulations and national environmental laws.

2.

Coordinate and prepare the quarterly Environmental and Social Monitoring Reports required under the SIEMAS Plan of CABEI, ensuring that all mandatory deliverables are submitted in accordance with the timelines and content stipulated in the Plan. This includes documenting regulatory compliance, ESMP implementation, labour and community safety conditions, stakeholder engagement, grievance management, and cultural heritage protection measures.

3.

Develop and/or update environmental and social management plans (ESMPs) for approved construction sites.

4.

Develop and implement environmental and social management and monitoring mechanisms to continuously identify, assess, mitigate, and track the environmental, social, health, and occupational safety impacts of project activities. These mechanisms shall be consistent with CABEI’s Environmental and Social Safeguards and will guide field supervision, contractor oversight, and the preparation of compliance reports.

5.

Collaborate with procurement personnel to ensure that bidding documents incorporate the environmental and social safeguards required by the SIEMAS Plan, as well as the applicable national legislation on environmental protection and labour rights.

2. Supervision and Reporting:

The Environmental and Social Specialist will work under the general guidance and report directly to the Project Coordinator. The post will be based at the Office of the Project Executing Unit in Belmopan.

3. Academic Qualifications:

The consultant must submit documentation to support experience and academic qualifications.

• Bachelor’s degree in environmental science, Environmental Management, Natural Resource Management, Project Management, or a closely related field.

• Master’s degree in environmental science, Environmental Management, Natural Resource Management, Project Management, Social Management, or other relevant directly related to Project Management.

• A minimum of seven (7) years of experience at any level in the environmental and sciences or related fields.

• A minimum of five (5) years of specific experience in environmental and social safeguard management for infrastructure projects.

• Experience in at least two (2) infrastructure projects financed by the World Bank, the IDB, the CABEI, or other external financing institutions, involving the monitoring and oversight of environmental and social components, in accordance with internationally recognized environmental and social standards

• Experience in projects with environmental and social risk assessment, monitoring, or management, preferably in infrastructure projects.

• Knowledge of written and spoken Spanish would be an asset.

4. Terms

The Environmental and Social Specialist will be selected by a competitive process in accordance with the Policy for the Procurement of Goods, Works, Services and Consultancies with CABEI resources and its Norms for Application (DI-52/2020 / PRE-40/2021). The duration of the consultancy is 24 months. The post will be for one year, in the first instance, subject to an annual review and evaluation, for the remaining 12 months that the project is in the execution stage. Salary will be commensurate with the requirements of the post and the qualifications and experience of the selected candidate.

Interested eligible Consultants may obtain further information and a complete Terms of Reference from the Programme Executing Unit of the BISP. Requests should be addressed to adminassistant.bisp@met.gov.bz, copied to projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz, enviro_social_specialist.bisp@met.gov.bz during office hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. local time from Monday to Friday; or you can visit the Ministry of Economic Transformation’s webpage, www.met.gov.bz, to download the Terms of Reference. Additionally, the consultancy announcement can be found on the Ministry of Finance’s Procurement Portal webpage <https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/>. Further information can be received by calling the phone number: 828-6106

Deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest is **Monday, October 6th, 2025**. Expressions of interest along with Resume and supporting documentation (Degrees, Certificates, etc.) must be sent via electronic mail (email) to projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz and copied to procurementofficerii.bisp@met.gov.bz or via direct mail or hand delivered to the address indicated below by **9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 6th, 2025**.

Project Coordinator
Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)
1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor, Unit #3
Belmopan City, Belize C.A.

Ref: CABEI-CS-002-2147/2025

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No.	Year	Make	Model	Type	No.	Year	Make	Model	Type
1	2019	Toyota	Hilux	Pickup	41	2009	Toyota	Hilux	Pickup
2	2020	GMC	Terrian	SUV	42	2009	Toyota	Hiace	Van
3	2016	Ford	Explorer	SUV	43	2016	Golf Cart	Golf Cart	Golf Cart
4	2006	Toyota	Tacoma	Pickup	44	2011	Golf Cart	Golf Cart	Golf Cart
5	2008	Isuzu	D-MAX	Pickup	45	2006	Golf Cart	Golf Cart	Golf Cart
6	2013	Hyundai	Tucson	SUV	46	2023	Hino	Hino	Truck
7	2015	Nissan	Frontier	Pickup	47	2011	Chevy	Express	Van
8	2005	Mitsubishi	Nativa	SUV	48	2014	Nissan	X-trail	SUV
9	2011	Hyundai	Tucson	SUV	49	2012	Great Wall	Wingle	Pickup
10	2004	International	Tow truck	Tow truck	50	2011	Toyota	Hilux	Pickup
11	2012	Ford	Explorer	SUV	51	2014	Isuzu	D-MAX	Pickup
12	2015	Nissan	Urvan	Van	52	2017	Great Wall	Wingle	Pickup
13	2015	Great Wall	Wingle	Pickup	53	2011	Mitsubishi	L-200	Pickup
14	2012	Toyota	Landcruiser	SUV	54	2014	Mahindra	Pickup	Pickup
15	2013	Isuzu	D-MAX	Pickup	55	2004	Toyota	Hilux	Pickup
16	2022	Nissan	Frontier	Pickup	56	2014	Volkswagen	Amarok	Pickup
17	2007	Mitsubishi	L-200	Pickup	57	2003	Toyota	Land cruiser	Pickup
18	2012	Volvo	SUV	SUV	58	2018	Grand Tiger	Grand Tiger	Pickup
19	2014	Hyundai	Tucson	SUV	59	2016	Foton	View Van	Van
20	2016	Isuzu	MUX	SUV	60	2019	Foton	View Van	Van
21	2019	Great Wall	Wingle	Pickup	61	2020	Foton	Tunland	Pickup
22	2015	Toyota	Landcruiser	SUV	62	2011	Mitsubishi	Montero	SUV
23	2017	Great Wall	Wingle	Pickup	63	2010	Dodge	Attitude	Car
24	2007	Toyota	Rav4	SUV	64	2007	Toyota	Hiace	Van
25	2015	Great Wall	Wingle	Pickup	65		Ford	F-150	Pickup
26	2019	Great Wall	Wingle	Pickup	66	2020	JAC	Pickup	Pickup
27	2016	Mahindra	Mahindra	Pickup	67	2018	Mazda	BT-50	Pickup
28	2018	Great Wall	Wingle	Pickup	68	2019	Mazda	BT-50	Pickup
29	2014	Ford	Ranger	Pickup	69	2021	JAC	Sunray	Van
30	2000	Mitsubishi	SUV	SUV	70	2017	Chevy	Equinox	SUV
31	2018	Great Wall	Wingle	Pickup	71	2009	Volkswagen	Touareg	SUV
32	2008	Toyota	Hilux	Pickup	72	2019	Ford	Everest	SUV
33	2012	Ford	F-150	Pickup	73	2010	Isuzu	Dmax	Pickup
34	2012	Nissan	Navara	Pickup	74	2012	Mazda	Pickup	Pickup
35	2014	Toyota	Hilux	Pickup	75	2017	Ford	Ranger	Pickup
36	2008	GMC	4500	Ambulance	76	2010	Isuzu	D-Max	Pickup
37	2017	Foton	View Van	Van	Assorted Items				
38	2018	Foton	View Van	Van	1	A/C Units			
39	2019	Nissan	Urvan	Van	2	Office Chairs			
40	2016	Ford	Ranger	Pickup					

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Resilient Bold Belize
WWF GEF Blue and Green Islands IP Child Project Blue
Bond and Finance Permanence Unit

TERMS OF REFERENCE:
Project Communications Specialist

Background

As part of the Blue and Green Islands GEF8 Integrated program, the Resilient Bold Belize project aims to secure the long-term conservation and resilience of Belize’s marine and coastal ecosystems, promoting nature-based livelihoods and the wellbeing of Belizeans.

The Belize project will catalyze a Project Finance for Permanence (PFP) initiative, a major private-public partnership, led by the Blue Bond and Finance Permanent Unit within the Office of Prime Minister. The PFP will integrate the value of nature into the tourism and fisheries sectors, strengthen policy coherence, institutional capacity for gender inclusive conservation planning, and strengthen capacities for financial planning and domestic resource mobilization. The proposed PFP approach will foster impactful outcomes resulting in improved management coastal PAs, MPAs, plus mangrove and other coastal ecosystems outside of the formal PA system, and improvement of targeted communities’ livelihoods.

A cornerstone of this project is partnership with Belize’s coastal and fishing communities. These communities are at the frontlines of conservation and resource management, and their participation, knowledge, and stewardship are critical to the project’s success. As such, communication and outreach efforts must go beyond awareness-raising and actively engage communities in shaping, owning, and sustaining conservation outcomes.

The Communications Specialist will therefore play a pivotal role in bridging the gap between technical conservation efforts, government priorities, and the lived realities of local stakeholders. By translating complex information into accessible messages, facilitating dialogue with fisherfolk and community leaders, and ensuring that community voices are reflected in national and global platforms, the Specialist will help strengthen trust, participation, and long-term sustainability of conservation initiatives in Belize.

Objective

Under the supervision of the Project Manager, the Communication Specialist will aim to increase overall visibility of the project and its achievements and ensure communications on and around the project actions and impacts are disseminated on national and international levels. The engagement of a dedicated communication staff member will provide consistent, high-quality and effective products that can strengthen the project implementation in Belize and share best practices and key learnings with a wider audience through the BGI-IP Hub and Global Coordination Project. Strategic communications activities and knowledge management products may be used to facilitate future PFP and BGI-IP initiatives and will be shared broadly. The communications specialist will also play a key role in connecting with the larger Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program under the GEF, sharing communications products and collaborating on best practices.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Communications Specialist will be responsible for the following:

1. Strategic Communication and Outreach:

- Develop and implement a project communication plan that raises awareness of the Resilient Bold Belize (RBB) Project, ensuring alignment with the BBFP Communication Strategy and Implementation plan, national priorities and community realities.
- Produce and disseminate communication products (print, broadcast, audiovisual, and digital) tailored to diverse audiences including government, civil society, academia, donors, and local coastal/fishing communities.
- Translate technical and policy information into clear, accessible messages that resonate with fisherfolk and other community stakeholders.
- Develop a publicly accessible website hosted by BBFP U for the project, to showcase project documents, lessons learned and project successes.

2. Community and Stakeholder Engagement:

- Lead communication and outreach activities with protected areas managers, ensuring the use of clear, culturally appropriate, and participatory approaches that support their role in conservation and stakeholder engagement using culturally appropriate and participatory approaches.
- Organize and deliver presentations, workshops, and dialogues with fisherfolk, community leaders, and stakeholders to share project goals, progress, and opportunities.
- Support executing partners (MPA and PA managers) in organizing regional/local stakeholder meetings and lead an annual national-level meeting to inform stakeholders, decision-makers, media, and the public on project progress.
- Contribute to the organization of events planned as part of the project

3. Media Relations and Social Media:

- Build and maintain strong relationships with media outlets to ensure accurate and consistent coverage of RBB project activities.
- Plan and coordinate media events, press releases, radio programs, and campaigns that highlight project achievements and lessons learned.
- Develop and manage the project’s online presence, including website updates, social media posts, and engagement on platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube; ensure the platforms are updated weekly.

4. Knowledge Management and Documentation:

- Support in the development of the project’s promotional material and publications.
- Collect, document and produce lessons learned, good practices, and success stories for dissemination nationally, regionally, and globally.
- Ensure the editing of project document (reports, presentations, etc.) and alignment with WWF GEF and Government of Belize Communications guidelines and branding.
- Collaborate with the Monitoring, Evaluation & Knowledge Management Officer to capture and present project progress and lessons at national, regional, and international forums.
- Maintain a photo/video database and ensure proper storage of communication materials for long-term use.

5. Coordination and Technical Support:

- Collaborate closely with the Project Manager, BBFP Unit, partner agencies, and community organizations to ensure coherence in communication efforts.
- Contribute to gender-sensitive and inclusive communication approaches in all project activities.
- Provide communication support during community consultations, policy dialogues, technical meetings, and project events.

- Be available to travel to coastal communities and participate in evening or weekend activities as required.
- Be available to travel to Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program regional or global events

6. 4. Technical Delivery of Project Components:

- Component 3 will focus on Strengthened communications, coordination and knowledge management at national and global levels in alignment with the Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program.

Within this component, the project communications specialist will contribute to:

3.1.1. OUTPUT: Strategic gender-inclusive communications plan designed and implemented:

- Strategic gender-inclusive communications plan designed to include required project reports, communications products to be produced (such as videos, social media posts)
- Facilitation of communication efforts for project coordination among all stakeholders.

3.1.2 OUTPUT: Accessible project lessons captured and disseminated including through Knowledge Management products and platforms, including.

Communications materials designed and developed such as best practice manuals; case studies; technical reports and in coordination with the MEK officer, dissemination of knowledge materials in an accessible and gender-sensitive manner to relevant projects, programs, and initiatives.

Accessible project lessons captured and disseminated including through Knowledge Management Products.

3.1.3. OUTPUT: Participation in BGI IP Communications events and workshops

Staff remain in close communication with BGI IP and attend quarterly virtual calls with the IP.

Qualifications and Experience

Education:

- A minimum of a Bachelor’s degree in Natural Resource Management, Environmental Studies, Communications, Journalism, Public Relations, or related field.
- Certification or training in Sustainable Communication, Environmental Communication, or related specialization is an asset.

Professional Experience:

- At least five (5) years of proven experience in communications at the national and regional levels, including social media and online communications.
- Minimum of two (2) years of direct experience engaging Belizean coastal and fishing communities, with strong understanding of their socio-economic realities, cultural context, and environmental challenges.
- Experience in developing and delivering presentations and workshops, particularly with fisherfolk and grassroots community groups.
- Demonstrated experience in collecting and managing data and information from fisherfolk and local communities for knowledge management and reporting.
- Proven experience working with managing entities such as community-based organizations, NGOs, government agencies, or fisheries cooperatives in Belize’s marine and coastal sector.

Skills and Competencies:

- Strong knowledge of Belize’s community environment, governance structures, and the social context of coastal and fishing communities.
- Ability to translate technical and conservation concepts into clear, accessible communication products for diverse audiences (local communities, policymakers, donors, and international stakeholders).
- Demonstrated skills in media relations, audiovisual content creation (photography, videography), and use of digital platforms (social media, websites).
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English; Spanish is considered an asset
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite and familiarity with multimedia and design tools (e.g., Adobe Creative Suite, video editing software).
- Ability to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends, and willingness to travel extensively within Belize, regionally or internationally.

Personal Qualities:

- Strong interpersonal skills with proven ability to build trust and maintain relationships in multicultural and community settings.
- Creative, adaptable, solution-oriented, and committed to conservation and sustainable development.

Duty Station: Belize City

Payment Arrangements: The salary of the contract is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

The estimated Starting Date and Duration: Start date will be effective at contract signature. Contracts are renewed biennially based on an assessment of performance. This position requires full-time commitment.

Interested persons can send an Application Letter and CV along with three references to email: RBBPM.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz or printed to the following address **by Friday, 12th September 2025 no later than 4:00 p.m.**

RBB Project Manager
Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit
Office of the Prime Minister
3rd Floor, Eleanor Hall Building
Lake Independence Boulevard
Belize City
RE: Finance Assistant

Applications will be reviewed by the Selection Committee. Those shortlisted will be invited to an interview with the Committee. Due diligence will be done to validate the information included in the CV and provided during interviews.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES:

Notice is hereby given that **Stella Blasi Velu** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**Sumathi Indian Restaurant**” located at # 19 Baymen Ave., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Chunhua Huang** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**J. Mall**” located at 15 Mls. G.P. HWY., Hattieville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Eugene Burns** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**Hode’s Place**” located at # 95 Joseph Andrews Dr., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ming Feng Chen** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**Red Star Restaurant**” located at # 30 Theodoso Ochoa St., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shao Biao Li** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**Sister Restaurant**” located at # 86 G.P. HWY., Santa Elena Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Court & Sandra Roberson** are applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**The Bluff**” located in Cristo Rey Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jian Fing Luo** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Yi Long Store**” located in Unitedville Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jorge & Carlos Lin Sid** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at “**Lin Sid Restaurant**” located at # 217 G.P.HWY., Santa Elena Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jing Mei Huang** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at “**28 Restaurant**” located at # 64 Bullet Tree Rd., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Huimin Tan & Li Yun Li** are applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Huimin’s Store**” located at # 74 Benque Viejo Rd., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Oscar R. Segura** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Segura Store**” located in Georgeville Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Marcia M. Sanchez Low** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Marcia’s Store**” located in Georgeville Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xing Juan Zhu** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at “**Anna’s Restaurant**” located at # 70 G.P.HWY., Santa Elena Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xing Min Wu/ Li Hua Liang** are applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**San Dei Store**” located in Esperanza Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Li Hua Chen** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Amor Shop**” located at # 40 Bishop Martin St., Santa Elena Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kevin Reyes** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**K & J Pool**” located in Esperanza Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Herman Manzanero** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Kaydee Shop**” located in Bullet Tree Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bing Chi Zhu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**BJ Grocery Store**” located at # 56 4th St., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xu Dong Deng** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**J & A Store**” located at # 21 Flamingo Ave., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Hui Na Liang** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Tia San Shop**” located at # 15 Burns Ave., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xue Ying Chen** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**Dennis Kitchen**” located at # 367A G.P.HWY., Santa Elena Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Sumei Hu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**A & N Supermarket**” located at # 109 G.P.HWY., Santa Elena Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shao Biao Li** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at “**Sister Store**” located at # 86 G.P.HWY., Santa Elena Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Isidoro Xis** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at “**El Ranchito**” located in Bullet Tree Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Notice is hereby given that **Xing Xiao Li** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Roses Chinese Shop**” located at # 127 Benque Viejo Rd., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xue Li Huang** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**ABC One Store**” located at # 36 Bullet Tree Rd., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Allan A. Andrews** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**The Alexandria Marquis Hotel & Resort**” located in Esperanza Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ruo Feng Li** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Li Store**” located in Esperanza Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xin Yan Tan** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at “**Delicious Seafood Chinese Restaurant**” located at # 11 Burns Ave., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Milon Hospitality Limited** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at “**The Hive Bistro**” located at # 47 Perez St., Santa Elena Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Reinalso Dzul** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Maria Theresa Shop**” located in Cristo Rey Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jovanni Montolban** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at “**J & J’s Liquor**” located in Cristo Rey Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Princess Int’l San Ignacio** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at “**The Next Lounge Club/Perla Bar**” located at # 20 Buena Vista St., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Telma A. Garcia** is applying for a **Hotel Liquor License** to be operated at “**Blacaneux Lodge**” located in Mountain Pine Ridge, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Barton Creek Unique Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Barton Creek Unique Limited**” located in Upper Barton Creek, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Andrew Jacobs** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at “**Neal’s Mini Shop**” located at # 79 G.P. Ave., Santa Elena Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Blanca R. Cartagena** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Tienda Cartagena**” located in Billy White Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Lucila Williams** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at “**Smoothie Shack**” located in Bullet Tree Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ermita Martinez** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at “**Black Orchid Bar & Grill**” located in Bullet Tree Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Katheryn I. Medrano** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Yaykim Shop**” located in Selena Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at “**Naybaz**” located at Miles 39, St. Matthew Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at “**Naybaz**” located at Miles 72, Santa Elena Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd.** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at “**Naybaz**” located on Independence Street, Benque Viejo del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Isidoro Xis** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at “**El Ranchito**” located in Bullet Tree Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Brandon I. Gudiel** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**El Paso Restaurant & Cafe**” located at 7 Miles, El Progreso, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Mei Yan Liu** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at “**Mei Mei Shop & Fast Food**” located at # 9 Burns Ave; S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xin Mei Zhao** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Three Flags-Blackman Eddy**” located in Blackman Eddy Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bing Li he Zhu** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at “**Helen Supermarket San Ignacio (He Zhu)**” located at # 109 Benque Viejo Rd., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Magali Arevalo** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at “**Magali Beer Parlour**” located at # 43 Bullet Tree Rd., S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Patrick Ryan** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**Table Rock Jungle Lodge**” located in Cristo Rey Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rodin Gonzalez** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at “**Top Grill & Sports Bar**” located in Blackman Eddy Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.



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